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## Infiltrators captured; crossed from Jordan

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT  
Post Defence Reporter

Three terrorists belonging to Abu al-Abbas's Palestine Liberation Front were captured on Friday night some 600 metres from Kibbutz Maoz Haim in the Beit She'an Valley. It was the first infiltration in that area in 10 years, military sources said.

The three, who reportedly set out four days ago from Iraq where Abu al-Abbas has set up his headquarters, had apparently been planning an attack to mark Fatah Day, on January 1, and spikes found in their possession suggested they had intended to stop traffic on a nearby highway and kill passengers.

Wearing civilian clothes over their uniforms, the three, all in their 20s, crossed the Jordan River, cut through an electronic fence and advanced 300 metres towards the kibbutz.

The IDF immediately alerted all settlements in the area.

Kibbutz members armed themselves and took up positions in their settlements, while cars with loudspeakers drove through the streets of Beit She'an, ordering residents to

remain at home as the IDF set up roadblocks.

A Beduin tracker led an IDF unit to the area where the leader of the terrorists was spotted. He immediately fired at the IDF troops and a short battle ensued in which the gunmen fired Kalashnikov assault rifles and hurled several grenades. One terrorist was slightly wounded in the shoulder.

The terrorists surrendered after an IDF soldier promised them that they would not be harmed and were sent for medical treatment and interrogation.

Hand grenades, extra magazines, food and medical equipment was found in their possession.

An investigation will be held to find out how the terrorists reached the Jordan River without being detected by Jordanian troops, OC Central Command Aluf Amram Mitzna said yesterday.

In the past, Jordan has prevented attacks from its territory but the IDF will investigate if the Jordanians this time turned a blind eye. One military source suggested that the bad weather may have allowed them to slip by Jordanian border guards.



The commander of the unit which captured three infiltrators in the Beit She'an Valley on Friday night poses with the terrorists' muddy rifles displayed on a jeep. (IDF Spokesman)

## Dozens may be expelled in wake of disturbances

By YEHUDA LITANI  
ELAINE FLETCHER  
and BRADLEY BURSTON  
Jerusalem Post Reporters

Dozens of Palestinian activists may be deported following this month's disturbances. A decision on the exact number is expected by the government today or tomorrow.

Meanwhile, the prosecution of an estimated 1,000 to 1,200 detainees arrested during last week's sweep of alleged demonstrators is to begin this morning in military courts in Hebron and Nablus. Reserve officers from the Judge Advocate General, the army's legal branch, have been called in to handle the overwhelming case load.

According to Palestinian sources in Gaza, 85 per cent of the 500-600 Gazans who were arrested are between the ages of 14 and 17, and are now being held in the central prison in Gaza as well as in the recently expanded "Ansar" detention camp.

In recent days, detainees' families have expressed fears that the trials are a prelude to planned deportations of many of those arrested last week and already tried and sentenced to jail terms of up to a year.

The defence establishment is reportedly undecided about how many deportations to carry out. One senior security source said that he expected a few deportations shortly. There is some concern that dozens of deportations would only reignite further unrest. In the past, no more than three have been deported at one time.

Some of the candidates for deportation are already reportedly in custody. But many are leading Palestinian activists who were not arrested during the recent unrest.

Progressive List for Peace MKs Mohammed Miari and Matti Peled plan to submit no-confidence motions because of what they called mass expulsion plans.

"An expulsion like this is the beginning of a transfer," they declared in a statement. "This is a violation of international law and the government which implements it will lose all legitimacy."

The two MKs also demanded that Defence Minister Rabin visit new detention centres that have opened in the Hebron area and in Gaza, to view what they allege are substandard conditions there.

Deposed Gaza mayor Rashad Shawwa said that mass expulsions are only likely to fuel more unrest and won't solve the basic political problems facing Israelis in the territories, which will only erupt into more violence sooner or later.

"It's true just a few people started this," Shawwa said. "But if there wasn't fertile ground they wouldn't have met such a response. What should happen now is not to deport people. The government must seek a political solution."

The concern that deportations could spark more unrest is particularly acute in view of Fatah Day, on January 1, which this year falls on a Friday, the traditional Moslem prayer day.

In a statement released at the weekend, the PLO claimed credit for organizing the recent disturbances.

Rabin and Police Minister Haim Bar-Lev are to report to the cabinet today on this weekend's events in the territories and East Jerusalem. Despite scattered demonstrations, the weekend passed generally quietly in Gaza Strip towns and refugee camps. In some urban centres, command cars, frequent petrol bomb targets due to their canvas tops and open sides, were replaced by armoured personnel carriers.

The IDF presence was especially massive in the Jebel al-Batna refugee camp, the site of a violent demonstration last week, and on streets surrounding mosques during Friday's Islamic Sabbath prayers.

The curfew on Jebel al-Batna, imposed late Tuesday, was still in effect last night, but is expected to be lifted in time to allow the 12,000 camp residents who work in Israel to travel to their jobs this morning.

In an apparent effort to neutralize the use of minaret loudspeakers to encourage unrest, the electric power was cut off to mosques throughout the region late Friday morning.

Nonetheless, in the Great Mosque in central Gaza city, a large crowd massed in preparation for a protest march following the prayer

services. Troops dispersed the crowd and no injuries were reported.

In the West Bank, despite relative calm, curfews continued to be enforced yesterday in Balata and Askar refugee camps near Nablus after unrest was renewed.

The disturbances in Askar began Friday morning following the death of a 58-year-old man, Abdallah Abdel Rami. The IDF spokesman said the man died from natural causes, but camp residents claimed he was beaten by soldiers who were standing on the roof of his house, used as a surveillance point.

Security sources said the man had climbed to the roof of the house to argue with soldiers who he claimed were damaging his property. They said he fell to his death while climbing down the stairs, apparently from a heart attack.

Askar residents began to riot during Rami's funeral later that afternoon, setting fire to a local Arab police station, which was slightly damaged. Police used tear-gas and fired rubber bullets in the air to disperse the demonstrators.

In Balata the curfew was lifted in the morning, for the visit of OC Central Command Aluf Amram Mitzna, and then reimposed later in the afternoon following renewed disturbances.

Mitzna toured Balata and other areas in the West Bank, speaking with camp residents and school children who are to resume classes today after a week of school closings.

Mitzna told the children he was happy that they were returning to their studies and that he hoped life in the camp would return to normal.

There were scattered reports of stone-throwing in the West Bank yesterday but no injuries reported.

Meanwhile, OC Southern Command Aluf Yitzhak Mordochai said the IDF was unprepared for the recent wave of intense, widespread Gaza Strip unrest. Asked by an Israel Television reporter why the security forces required almost two weeks to deploy sufficient manpower and materiel to quell the disturbances, Mordochai said that the current wave of rioting was unprecedented in its scope and duration.

## Likud opposition may force another budget vote delay

BY AVI TEMKIN

Post Economic Reporter

Strong opposition among Likud ministers to the state budget proposal may force Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir to once again delay the vote at this morning's cabinet session.

At least three Likud ministers, Industry Minister Ariel Sharon, Labour Minister Moshe Katsav and Minister Without Portfolio Yitzhak Moda'i, have already said they will not support the budget. Sharon and Katsav told Nissim they will vote against and Moda'i said he will not come to the cabinet meeting.

Nissim asked Shamir on Friday to try to persuade Sharon to vote for the budget. But the industry minister said after meeting the prime minister that he was still determined to cast a nay vote. Sharon said he demanded larger sums for research and development funding for industry, and the establishment of a special fund to support marketing efforts abroad.

Economic observers pointed out that Sharon's opposition could also stem from his political alliance with Moda'i, Nissim's foe within the Liberal Party. Sharon was clearly upset with the Manufacturers' Association for last week accepting a proposal

from Nissim to establish a NIS70 million fund to aid exporters who had been harmed by the fixed exchange rate.

Nissim is expected to have less problems with the Labour Party ministers, who only a few weeks ago had appeared to be the greatest opponents of his budget. Only Health Minister Shoshana Arbeli-Almoslino remains firmly opposed to Nissim's plans, which include the imposition of user charges in the health services. Nissim will today make a renewed effort to win the health minister's vote with the aid of Vice Premier Shimon Peres. The three met on Friday in an unsuccessful attempt to get Arbeli's support for the budget.

Peres and Nissim were more successful in convincing Education Minister Yitzhak Navon and Agriculture Minister Arye Nehemkin. Navon's support was achieved after it became clear that Nissim no longer proposed to introduce tuition fees in the country's high schools. In addition he promised to add \$6 million for research in universities. Nehemkin said he would vote for the budget after he got a promise for Nissim that the rescue programme for the

moshavim would be in its way this week.

Judy Siegel adds:

Arbeli-Almoslino and Peres will make a last-ditch try this morning to persuade Finance Minister Moshe Nissim to drop plans for user charges in hospitals. The three will meet at the Prime Minister's Office at 8 a.m., before the cabinet meeting.

A Health Ministry spokesman last night said Arbeli-Almoslino would abide by the cabinet decision if the Alignment position were defeated, but that "she will continue the struggle against user charges and for an increase in the health budget." The ministry is demanding an additional NIS23 million supplementary budget for this fiscal year.

"Catastrophe" and "disintegration" were among the words of warning used by directors of the government hospitals in a meeting with Arbeli-Almoslino held in her Tel Aviv office on Thursday. The medical administrators warned that the government health system, fraught with budget and equipment shortages and "mass abandonment by needed professionals," could not compete with higher pay and better

conditions at private and Kupat Holim Clalit facilities.

The government hospital directors said that they have all used up their entire budgets for the current fiscal year, even though four months are left until the beginning of the next. Giving an example of unbudgeted costs, Dr. Shimon Sherf of Barzilai Hospital in Ashkelon said he had to buy 90 units of blood to treat Arab patients wounded in the Gaza disturbances, but doesn't know where to get the money to cover it.

Dr. Dan Michaeli of Ichilov Hospital said that he is "shocked and worried" by the rate at which the health budget is being cut and good staffers are leaving for the private sector. Former Israel Defence Forces chief medical officer Dr. Moshe Revah, now head of Rambam Hospital, said that "Treasury officials are causing the disintegration of the public health system with their own hands."

At Sheba Hospital in Tel Hashomer, 13 "irreplaceable" X-ray technicians have quit in the past five months. Staffers earning "poverty wages" in geriatric and psychiatric hospitals are also leaving, the directors reported.

## Policeman throws tear gas at Peace Now demo

By ANDY COURT

For The Jerusalem Post

A police officer threw two tear-gas grenades to disperse Peace Now demonstrators after a torch-light march by over 1,000 approached the Prime Minister's residence in Jerusalem last night.

There were no arrests or injuries, but there were hard feelings on both sides.

The police reportedly plan to question Peace Now organizers today as part of an investigation into whether they violated the conditions of their permit to demonstrate. Peace Now organizers plan to complain to Police Minister Haim Bar-Lev that the Jerusalem police rashly resorted to tear gas even though the organizers were prepared to disperse the crowd.

Peace Now organizer Tzvi Reshef said that tear gas has been used only once before against Peace Now demonstrators: during a protest at the same spot, near the Prime Minister's residence, the day after the Sabra and Shatilla massacre.

Last night's Peace Now march was prompted by the recent unrest and IDF shootings of Palestinians in the territories, Reshef said.

The marchers called on Prime Minister Shamir to resign for blocking the peace process. They urged the Labour Party to speak out on the issue of peace, rather than keep quiet and seek unity in times of trouble.

The demonstrators assembled at Kikar Menorah, near the Mashbir department store on King George St., at about 6:30 p.m. yesterday.

There, Rami Treinin, a brigade commander in the reserves, described in rhyming verse his troops' experiences of standing in front of stone-throwing children in the Gaza Strip during the past few weeks.

Carrying torches and shouting "Peace Yes, Annexation No!" and "We got out of Lebanon; we'll get out of Hebron," the marchers walked down King George St. towards Kikar Paris, a block from the Prime Minister's residence. About 15 members of Gilad, a right-wing Hebrew University students' party, shouted "Peace Now is PLO," and held up a sign saying "The Iron Wall is the only path to peace."

The problems began after the Peace Now demonstrators reached Kikar Paris, and put away their signs. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

## 70 arrested for Israeli-Arab disturbances

By DAVID RUDGE

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAZARETH - The regional head of the radical Sons of the Village movement, Rajah Agbariah, was arrested on Friday in Umm el-Fahm, as police continued the wave of detentions in the wake of last Monday's rioting in Israeli Arab communities.

Agbariah is suspected of having incited troublemakers to block the nearby Wadi Ara highway on the day of the nationwide strike by Israeli Arabs in solidarity with residents of the territories.

Police said more than 70 people had been arrested in connection with the disturbances in Nazareth, Umm el-Fahm and Shfaram, where hundreds of residents rioted after Kach supporters secretly entered the town's old synagogue.

Northern district police spokesman Rav Pakad Yehoshua Sinai said several suspects, including six Kach members, had been released on bail. But 50 remained in custody while inquiries continued by the special squad established to investigate the outbreaks of violence.

Sinai stressed that according to the evidence so far unearthed, there was no indication of a "guiding hand" behind the rioting. "It appears that the disturbances were sparked by radical groups and hooligans, and this dragged in others," he said.

There were likely to be more arrests before inquiries were completed, said Sinai.

Police are beefing up their forces in case of further trouble on January 1, Fatah Day, although Sinai maintained there would be no pre-emptive arrests.

Arab leaders, among others, have appealed for calm on the day, maintaining there was no need for Israeli Arabs to commemorate Fatah Day.

Meanwhile, life has returned to normal in Arab towns and villages in the Galilee and the north, with the voice of moderation re-asserting itself after the violent demonstrations that marred last week's strike.



Peace Now protest last night

(Rahamim Israeli)

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Haifa Port	55	10-15	16
Tiberias	92	11-14	15
Nazareth	89	8-10	12
Afula	80	10-13	14
Shomron	88	7-10	11
Tel Aviv	62	11-15	16
B-Q Airport	90	9-13	14
Jericho	89	12-15	16
Gaza	86	11-15	16
BeerSheva	96	8-12	14
Eilat	39	10-19	20

## 'Girl will die without heart transplant'

By BERNARD JOSEPHS  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A top cardiac specialist has warned that an eight-year-old girl with a rapidly deteriorating heart disease and an extremely rare blood group will most probably die unless she can be flown to London for a heart transplant.

Dr. Yoram Glaser, head of the pediatric cardiac unit at Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem was speaking before the weekend as a campaign got underway to raise thousands of dollars to save the life of Liat Nahum.

"Unless she gets the transplant, her prospects are extremely poor. Children in this situation cannot live very long," said Glaser. "But because of her rare blood group, O minus, the chances of a suitable donor being found in Israel are virtually nil. That is why she has to go to London where there is a much better chance."

One of the world's top heart surgeons, Egyptian-born Dr. Magdi Yakoub, of London's Harefield Hospital, has agreed to operate on Liat. But the cost of the operation and hospitalization could be at least \$50,000.

The charitable organization Yad v'Yad is organizing a fund for Liat and donations can be sent to Bank Leumi, branch 816, Tel Aviv, account number 78/557871.

## Religious protest leads to arrests

By ANDY COURT

For The Jerusalem Post  
Police arrested 12 ultra-Orthodox demonstrators yesterday afternoon as the disturbances on Bar-Ilan St. in Jerusalem continued.

Dozens of ultra-Orthodox men and youths shouted "Shabbos" at the cars passing along the road, which runs between the Romema and Ramat Eshkol neighbourhoods. Some of them threw rocks at police and overturned garbage bins to block traffic, according to Jerusalem Police spokesman Rafi Levy.

## Mother-in-law of Sakharov dies

MOSCOW (Reuters) - Ruth Bonner, mother-in-law of Soviet physicist Andrei Sakharov and a victim of Josef Stalin's purges of the 1930s, died on Friday aged 87, her daughter Yelena said yesterday.

SKI - The ski slopes on Mount Hermon are scheduled to open today following last week's heavy snow storms.

## TEAR GAS

(Continued from Page One)

and torches. The police had denied the group permission to demonstrate across from Shamir's house because it is in a residential area, so organizers urged people to pass by the Prime Minister's house on their own after the demonstration dispersed.

As the mass of people headed towards the Prime Minister's home on Balfour St. in Rehavia, they were met by a barrier of police and Border Police, and a water cannon. Following a brief stand-off and after the Peace Now crowd had already started to leave the area, a police officer lobbed the first tear-gas grenade in their midst, apparently to speed up their dispersal.

## Occupation troubles worry American Jews who fear fall in support for Israel

By WALTER RUBY

Jerusalem Post Correspondent  
NEW YORK - Jewish community professionals in cities around the U.S. are decidedly uneasy about Israel's crackdown on Palestinian protest in the Gaza Strip and West Bank, and worried about the moral and demographic implications of Israel's determination to continue its occupation of the territories.

The anxiety about Israeli actions expressed by federation and Jewish community relations council professionals sharply contrasts with statements by leaders of New York-based national Jewish organizations expressing unreserved support for Israel's actions in the territories. On Thursday, member agencies of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations sharply denounced recent statements by the Reagan administration critical of Israel's riot-control tactics.

By contrast, the local Jewish leaders say they are concerned that a continuation of harsh Israeli riot-control tactics in the territories could lead to a marked fall in support for Israel, both among Jews and important non-Jewish constituencies. The professionals said that so far there has been little expression of grassroots Jewish and non-Jewish revision at Israeli actions, such as occurred during the 1982 Israeli invasion of Lebanon, but they are worried about what might happen if disturbances in the territories continue and Israel continues to respond with "iron fist" tactics.

Dr. Lawrence Rubin, executive director of the Jewish Community

Relations Council of Philadelphia, said that his organization plans to issue a statement soon which is likely to urge both Israel and the Palestinians to exercise restraint.

Rubin said the dominant feeling in his community about the situation in the territories is "ambivalence." He explained, "Everyone is disconcerted and upset by the loss of life, but there is a willingness to accept the Israeli assessment that these riots were instigated. That is not to suggest that there are not grievances."

Richard Wexler, past president of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago, said that Jewish community activists in that city reacted with "respectful disbelief" to a defense of Israeli actions in the territories by Zvi Brosh, Israel's consul-general in Chicago. According to Wexler: "We feel a sense of frustration. On one hand, we do not want to speak out on Israeli security issues. But we are concerned about the implications [of the riots] for American-Israeli relations and for conditions within Israel as well. One of our federation missions is in Israel right now, and we are concerned for their security."

Wexler said that although he has not yet detected an upsurge of concern about Israel's actions among grassroots Chicago Jewry, "the rabbinical community is really outraged." He said that many rabbis had expressed the opinion that Ariel Sharon's decision to move into his new home in Jerusalem's Moslem Quarter during Hanukkah "was the height of folly and cruelty."

Rabbi Bruce Warshel, executive

director of the Jewish Federation of South County (Boca Raton), Florida, said he recently gave an "anguished" sermon in a local Reform temple arguing that "unless Israel gets rid of the West Bank and Gaza, it will not so slowly become South Africa." According to Warshel, "The feedback was an expression of agreement, which surprised me."

Pointing out that contributions to the South County UJA-Federation Campaign are generally split 50-50 between Israel and the local Jewish community, Warshel fears that if the violence in Israel continues; an increasing number of disillusioned contributors might begin to stipulate that their entire contribution should be used for local needs.

Jewish community relations officials in Houston and Los Angeles said they had been surprised how little reaction there had been to events in Israel in their local Jewish communities, but theorized that this may be due to the fact that many Jews go on vacation during the Hanukkah-Christmas season.

Rita Semel, director of the San Francisco Jewish Community Relations Council, said that Jews in her area were angered by an editorial in the *Oakland Tribune* about conditions in Gaza that was headlined, "Israel's Soweto."

According to Semel, "Many Jews in our area are terribly disturbed about what is going on. Their loyalty to Israel remains unquestioned, but a lot of people do have serious questions as to why Israeli soldiers have to shoot 14-year-olds with live ammunition."

## CRM protests arrest of Army Radio reporter

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT

Post Defence Reporter  
TEL AVIV - The Citizens Rights Movement has requested an urgent debate in the Knesset about the arrest of Galiel Zahal reporter, Zohar Melamed. Melamed was locked up after his coverage of the riots in the West Bank reportedly displeased OC Central Command Aluf Amram Mitzna.

A statement that MK Dedi Zuckerman (CRM) released to the press called the incident "a frightening precedent". He urged Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin to make it clear that the government will not permit the IDF to shut up the media. Only such a "clarification" will restore the radio station's credibility, he added.

Melamed was picked up on Thursday and spent nearly five hours in a cell in Camp Schneller in Jerusalem before Galiel Zahal's commander, Nahman Shai, got through to Mitzna and secured his release.

The reporter had some run-ins with the IDF's spokeswoman in Jerusalem, Ofra Preuss.

According to standing army rules, the military radio station must read to the IDF spokesman every news story that deals with the army. A source in the spokesman's office said Melamed failed to vet at least

one story and to make changes in another.

Galiel Zahal's policy, however, has been that no one else will be the final editor of its copy, and Shai has insisted on being appraised of any change his reporters are told to make.

When the Central Command tried to have Melamed sacked, Shai asserted that he - and not generals - will assign reporters.

The story which led to Melamed's detention was about the wave of arrests in the West Bank. It had been cleared by the IDF's spokesman office and the censor, a well-informed source said.

Nevertheless a Military Police officer who was sent to pick up the reporter, located him in Bethlehem and put him into jail.

The matter came up briefly, on Friday, at a meeting between Shai and the Chief of General Staff, Rav Aluf Dan Shomron, but no decisions were made.

Melamed was sent on leave, and Galiel Zahal will currently cover events by reporters assigned on an ad hoc basis.

Shai meanwhile summoned the station's reporters, assuring them of his full backing and telling them that they should not be afraid to do their jobs.

## Bereaved father writes to dad of Nahal guard who left his post

Post Defence Reporter

TEL AVIV - In a painful letter to the father of the Nahal guard who fled his post during the Night of the Handgliders, the father of a soldier killed then has asked: "Doesn't your son understand that life was not given to him as a present, but was stolen from our own sons?"

The letter was written by Shmuel Hazon, whose son Niv was killed when the attacker walked through the abandoned gate last November 25. The letter is dated today, upon completion of the shloshim mourning period, but was distributed to reporters on Friday.

"Your son undermined the foundation for this nation's life - and that is mutual responsibility... Had it been my son [who fled]... I would torture him from morning to night. Physical torture - No!!! But mental torture, certainly."

Hazon urged Yitzhak Almog to see

to it that his son's "conscience not give him rest, even if he wants to escape. Even if he flees to the belly of the whale, as Jonah did, I would stop him, until the end of days... so that he will always see his comrades' faces."

He criticized Almog senior for standing up for his son, Ronni, adding he hoped Ronni would eventually go from "one edge of the country to the other," proclaiming to worried parents: "Love every soldier, not only those close to you."

"If our soldiers aren't concerned about their comrades' lives - where will we be? And how many of us won't be saved?"

"Maybe in these words, you hear the painful cry of a bereaved father. You have an opportunity, denied to me now, to educate your son... do that quickly, as a father to his soldier-son, and also for the IDF's pride."

## Rabin tells Labourite meet: 'Violence can't run rampant'

BEIT BERL - Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin said yesterday that if the Arabs see Israel yield to terrorism, the country will "never be able to achieve a thing in the future."

Speaking at an emotional meeting of hundreds of party members at the Labour Party's Beit Berl institute near Kfar Sava, Rabin stressed that submission to force, disturbances and threats of terrorism was not the way of the Labour movement.

"Believe me, I know what the IDF soldiers feel, the products of the youth movements and the Nahal soldiers. They feel the hostility and the hatred... Soldiers, aged 18 to 20 understand that they can't let violence run rampant, and they expect the government to find a political solution that will enable Israel to live in real security."

David Ish-Shalom caused a stir when he demanded that Rabin "release from detention three PLO members from Tunis." Their release will restore quiet and stop terrorism, he said. Rabin said Ish-Shalom had been misled and that his request could be taken seriously if the PLO were to declare officially that the release of detainees in Israel would lead to the cessation of terror.

Rabin, who was interrupted by frequent heckling, said that Israel should aspire to borders that will make it possible to build a society in which the Jewish people can fulfil their destiny. For this reason he opposed annexation of all of Mandatory Palestine - not because Israel lacks the historical right to do so, but in order to achieve peace.

## NRP moves to the right

By ROBERT ROSENBERG

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TEL AVIV - The National Religious Party has moved further to the right with the adoption of a political platform that makes no mention of the Camp David Accords.

Despite efforts by party President Yosef Burg and party Chairman Zevulun Hammer to push the party's moderate line, Minister-without-Portfolio Yosef Shapira and MK Haim Druckman set the tone by getting the convention to endorse a platform clause stating that in any peace negotiations with Jordan, Israel should claim sovereignty over the administered territories.

Former MK Moshe Ussishkin, the founder of the dovish Oz Veshalom wing of the NRP, described the new platform as a "deviation" from the party's history and indicated that his 60-year membership in the party was likely to end.

The Thursday evening NRP convention vote to remove all mention of Camp David from a proposed political platform prepared in advance by party leaders was seen as a victory for the party's Matzpat faction.

In emotional speeches, Druckman and Shapira attacked the left wing, describing it as "hypocritical." Shapira called on Arabs already to live under Israel rule "to pack their bags and go."

Burg was helpless against the Druckman-Shapira tide. His proclamation that "the middle road is not necessarily the average road" was greeted by silence from the audience.



American actor Lou Gossett and his bride, actress Cyndi James Reese, answer reporters' questions shortly after they wed on Friday in Herzliya. Gossett is here filming 'Iron Eagle II' (APF)

## Quiet Christmas in Bethlehem

Bethlehem was quiet on Friday as pilgrims celebrated Christmas, but stormy weather, combined with two weeks of rioting in the territories, kept the number of holiday visitors smaller than usual.

IDF officials said Friday that there were no reports of violence in the town. The army had clamped heavy security on Christmas Eve festivities, deploying hundreds of soldiers, but most troops had been pulled out by Christmas morning. Dozens of pilgrims crowded into the gold brocade-lined grotto of the Church of the Nativity, singing joyful hymns of candlelight and kneeling in prayer at the altar.

Only about 2,500 tourists - fewer than half of last year's turnout - attended midnight Mass at the church's St. Catherine's basilica. Meanwhile, at London's Buckingham Palace, the queen broke a royal

tradition in her annual Christmas broadcast by focusing not on home and family but on the horrors of terrorism.

"It is only too easy for passionate loyalty to one's own country, race or religion, or even to one's favourite football club, to be corroded into intolerance, bigotry and ultimately into violence," the 61-year-old monarch said.

And from the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, Pope John Paul delivered his traditional Christmas Day statement.

"He who for us and for our salvation came down from the Father, became flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary, and was made man," the pontiff said. "He has given this power to us men. And this is the power of Christmas."

John Paul said the message of Christmas transcends the ages and is

fitting today. He wished "Merry Christmas" in 52 languages and bestowed blessings.

In the Persian Gulf, U.S. troops got a cheerful boost from comedian Bob Hope, who took his road show to the amphibious assault ship USS Okinawa.

December 25 was just another working day in the Soviet Union, where the officially atheist state has transferred most holiday traditions to the New Year's celebration.

New Year's trees went on sale at street bazaars just a few days ago, and Muscovites spent Friday lining up at crowded stores and poorly stocked liquor shops to prepare for their big holiday next week.

Thousands of Christians celebrated the holiday at the 10 Christian churches in Beijing. Christmas is not observed by most of China's 980 million people. (AP)

## Judaica exhibit and auction

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

An exhibition of rare Jewish books, manuscripts and historical documents opens today at the Sheraton Plaza in Jerusalem. The exhibit, containing over 700 items; some of which have never been displayed before, will be on view till Wednesday, and will culminate in a public auction.

Organized by The Society of Judaica Collectors, the exhibition includes several works dating back to the 15th and 16th centuries, although there are more recent works considered more valuable.

## Maof liquidators want Gadish brought here from U.S.

TEL AVIV (Itan) - The liquidators of the Maof airline company on Friday asked the district court here to summon the former owner and manager of the company, Yitzhak Gadish, from the U.S. for questioning. Gadish left Israel after Maof incurred millions of dollars of debts. In their application, liquidators Arye Segal and Moshe Shalit state that Gadish recently opened a tourism office in the Empire State Building.

## Greek Catholics hear appeal from Peres and Weizman

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
HAIFA - The government brought its disagreements over local Arab affairs to the church here on Christmas day.

Foreign Minister Peres and Minister-without-Portfolio Ezer Weizman on Friday called on the head of the Greek Catholic Church in Israel, Archbishop Maximus Saloum to convey their season's greetings.

Weizman told his hosts that the decision last Wednesday by the deputy minister responsible for Arab affairs, Romi Milo, to cease all government dealings with the National Committee of Arab Local Authorities was invalid. Milo had no authority to take such a decision on his own, Weizman said, adding that he was confident that, if asked, the government would not approve the move.

Milo announced the decision to break ties with the Arab committee on the grounds that it had organized last Monday's violence-marred strike in the Arab sector.

Peres said he believed that the vast majority of the Arab population wanted peace and understanding. Many serious problems remain

to be overcome, but experience shows that solutions can be worked out even between the worst enemies, he said.

Saloum, who heads the country's largest Christian community, explained the Christian Arabs' dilemma: "Across the border they consider us traitors, and here, the extremists don't want us." Nevertheless, the Christian Arabs reject all extremism and want to live as loyal and useful citizens of the country, he said.

Peres and Weizman also called on the heads of the Maronite community in Haifa.

Milo, who visited the Maronite villages in Galilee in the morning, called on Saloum later, but since his declaration had already been rejected as invalid by Weizman he was not questioned on the subject. Instead Saloum asked him to "at last" settle the problem of the displaced villagers of Irit and Biram. Milo promised to propose a solution to the government shortly.

Milo did not comment on Weizman's statement about the validity of his decision, but the Prime Minister's Office is expected to issue a statement soon.

With profound grief we announce the untimely passing of our beloved wife and mother

**EDA LEIBOWITZ**

The funeral will leave today, Sunday, December 27, 1987, at 3.15 p.m. from the Miryan Hahadash Synagogue, 4 Rehov Kahane, Kfar Saba.

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Husband, Rabbi Joseph Leibowitz  
Children, Aaron, Chana and Miriam.

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**MORDECHAI (Mottie) MELAMED**

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His wife, Dorothy  
and the family

We announce the death of our dear

**MARUSSIA-MIRIAM USSOSKIN**

Widow of Moshe Ussoskin.  
The funeral will take place today, Sunday, December 27, 1987, at 2:30 p.m., at Sanhedria, Jerusalem.

Elita (Eliheva) and Aharon Barak  
Grandchildren: Avner, Esther, Michal, Tamar  
Zvi Barak

Shiva at the Barak residence, 18 Nili, Jerusalem.

In deep sorrow,  
we announce the death of our dear

**Dr. Yael Traute Klein**

nee Berger

The funeral will take place today, Sunday, December 27, 1987 (6 Tevet 5748) at 2:00 p.m. at Kiryat Shaul Cemetery. A bus will be available for those attending, leaving at 1:00 p.m. from the home of the deceased, 8 Rehov Micha, Ramat Chen.

The Mourners:  
Husband, Dr. Franz Daniel  
Sister, Ellen Glasner  
Daughters, Naomi, Kolan  
Dorit and Yitzhak Yarkoni  
Orna, Ron, Rell and Dana  
and all the family

With deep sorrow, we announce the passing of our dear father

Architect

**ARIE (Hans) WITT**

The funeral will leave from the Sanhedria Funeral Parlour, Jerusalem, for the Har Hameizot Cemetery today, Sunday, December 27, at 11 a.m.

Son, Eran Witt  
Daughter, Noemi Kabillo  
and the family



# Angola rebels capture strategic town

JOHANNESBURG (Reuters) - Pro-Western Unita rebels in Angola have captured a strategic central town and appear to be pursuing retreating government forces, according to a television crew invited to witness the offensive.

Cameramen working for Western television networks said on Saturday that they saw forces loyal to rebel leader Jonas Savimbi's National Union for the Total Liberation of Angola (Unita) capture the Benguela railway town of Munhango last Tuesday. Unita officers said Munhango, where Savimbi once lived before Angola's independence from Portugal in 1975,

gave their forces a strategic springboard for launching attacks further north.

The railway, from the Zaire border to the Atlantic, has been closed by Unita sabotage, but the government in Luanda has been hoping to reopen it with foreign financial aid.

The camera crew said about 900 of Savimbi's tough bush fighters, using four captured Soviet-made T-54 tanks, overran Munhango, killing 20 government soldiers and sending the rest of the garrison fleeing north.

The newsmen said they saw an MI-24 helicopter gunship burning and four tanks captured by the Un-

ita raiding forces after the 90-minute battle.

Unita, an anti-Marxist rebel group based in southern Angola, was given support by South African forces in September to defeat a major attack by Angola's Soviet- and Cuban-supported army.

The latest attack secured a supply line from Unita's bush headquarters at Jamba, some 900 km. to the south, a town of thatched huts close to Angola's border with South African-ruled Namibia.

The television crew spent 11 days in the bush at Unita's invitation. Crew members said morale among Savimbi's forces, that have thwarted

repeated government offensives in 12 years of civil war, was high after the latest battle.

They said the Unita fighters appeared well trained in the use of captured Soviet tanks as well as other support weapons.

When storming Munhango, they followed conventional army tactics with a softening mortar shelling followed by tank and infantry assaults.

Unita's deep penetration capability in the northern half of Angola appears to have been boosted by United States' supplies of stinger anti-aircraft missiles which Savimbi had said helped him ward off attack by Luanda's Air Force.



Angolan rebels pose on a Soviet-made tank after capturing the town of Munhango last week. (Reuters)

## Iran hits 2 more ships in continuing Gulf tanker war

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) - A flame-blackened South Korean cargo ship limped into port yesterday to repair damage caused by one of two Iranian attacks on Christmas Day in a raging tanker war in the Gulf, shipping sources said.

Helicopters from the British frigate Scylla and the American guided missile frigate USS Elrod flew to the rescue of the lumber-carrying Hyundai-7 Friday afternoon following an Iranian gunboat attack that left it in flames, some 30 km north of the emirate of Sharjah.

U.S. and British military officials said the helicopters pulled 20 crew members from the flaming ship and took them to safety and a Christmas dinner aboard the British frigate

Scylla. Two men were treated for injuries.

Shipping sources said the vessel entered Dubai harbour yesterday as tugboats sprayed it with water to prevent an outbreak of fire. One shipping executive said the crewmen, all Koreans, remained aboard the British frigate.

He said it was not yet clear what sort of Iranian gunboat attacked the 19,682-ton Hyundai-7, which had sizeable holes punched in its hull.

Shipping executives said a U.S. helicopter also went to help the Saudi Arabian tanker Nejm-el Petrol, attacked and set ablaze eight hours after the Korean ship. Crew members quickly extinguished the fire, and one Singapore seaman sus-

tained minor injuries, sources said.

The London-based Lloyd's Shipping Intelligence Unit said the 9,566-ton tanker was believed to be proceeding on its journey to Singapore.

Iran and Iraq have attacked at least 26 commercial ships in the Gulf so far this month, the hottest round of attacks on merchant shipping since the so-called tanker war started in earnest in 1984 as a spillover of the seven-year-old land war to the north.

U.S. Navy helicopters have now responded to distress calls by foreign ships at least three times in the past two weeks.

Navy forces were sent to the Gulf earlier this year to protect Ameri-

can-flag vessels owned by Kuwait.

But on December 12 helicopters from the guided-missile destroyer USS Chandler and one chartered by the American CBS television network rescued 40 people from the Cypriot tanker Pivot, also blazing after an Iranian attack.

The Soviet Union, Britain, France, Italy, Belgium and the Netherlands also have warships in the Gulf or just outside.

Associated Press photographer Greg English, who flew over the Gulf in a helicopter yesterday morning, said the UK frigate Scylla was steaming north up the waterway with eight tankers sailing nearby - at least three of them flying flags other than the Union Jack.



Kenia Rodriguez Martinez, 6, who lost both her feet when a Contra mortar hit her house in Sina last week, waits to be airlifted to a hospital in Managua. She was one of the hundreds of casualties of Contra offensive in northeastern Nicaragua. (Reuters)

## Nicaragua says rebels break truce

MANAGUA (AP) - A two-day Christmas cease-fire came to an end Friday amid allegations that the Contra rebels had violated the first truce of their 6-year-old war against the leftist government.

The Defence Ministry claimed the U.S.-backed rebels had tried to provoke government troops into striking back.

A Contra spokeswoman in Miami denied the charge.

"As far as I know we are abiding by the truce. I think these reports are inaccurate," said Marta Sacasa.

The Defence Ministry said rebels staged four attacks Thursday in their first nine hours of the truce. Witnesses and state-run and opposition media reported fighting in other areas the same day.

The ministry said the Contras launched three more raids Friday.

The ministry said that one militiaman and five rebels died when Contras attacked a town in the north-east at midnight Wednesday. It also said Contras fired on Sandinista troops in central Nicaragua, and attacked a farming cooperative

## 'Release of Beirut hostages depends on Israel'

BEIRUT (Reuters) - A leading Shi'ite Muslim cleric has declared that a release of foreign hostages held in Lebanon is linked to the fate of prisoners held by Israel and its allies.

The declaration from Sheikh Mohammed Hussein Fadlallah was apparently in response to a wave of Christmas appeals for an end to the ordeal of 24 foreigners missing, believed kidnapped, in Lebanon.

The spiritual guide of the Iranian-backed Hizbullah movement said "The whole world" wanted the for-

eigners freed but not Palestinians jailed in Israel and Lebanese held by the Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army militia in Lebanon.

"We call on all captors to release the innocent hostages," Fadlallah said during Friday prayers in Beirut's southern suburbs.

Hizbullah is widely believed to hold some of the foreigners kidnapped in Beirut.

The SLA holds about 300 prisoners near the Lebanese village of el-Khiyam.

### IN BRIEF

AN ARMY bomb-disposal expert was killed and four servicemen injured yesterday in the second explosion in two days at an ammunition depot near Athens. The blast came in the early afternoon as two officers and three conscripts were collecting unexploded shells and ammunition after a fire on Friday at the dump. A claim of responsibility was made in the name of a local left-wing terrorist group, Anti-Authority Struggle, but Defence Ministry officials dismissed it as a hoax.

NIKOLAI Bukharin, who was executed as an "enemy of the people" during Josef Stalin's regime, understood the danger of fascism better than Stalin, a Soviet weekly publication says. The article in the latest issue of *Nedelnya*, a tabloid insert to the government newspaper *Izvestia*, was the latest of the re-evaluations of the Stalin era to have appeared in the Soviet press recently. It was another indication that the Kremlin is considering restoring the prestige of Bukharin, who was a major figure in the Communist Party in the 1920s and 1930s.

A MOTORIZED GLIDER that left Austria 37 days ago arrived in Chiba, Japan yesterday. The 6.5-metre-long glider left Vienna with Japanese pilots Makoto Miyazawa and Takashi Katoh on board and stopped in more than 20 cities on its 20,000 km journey. It flew over the war-torn Persian Gulf and was battered by heavy rain near the Philippines. The pilots had planned their pleasure trip for eight years.

FRENCH President Francois Mitterrand is France's most popular politician, the weekly *Journal de Dimanche* newspaper reports in its latest edition. Jean-Marie Le Pen, the controversial leader of the extreme-right National Front, was placed 23rd - just ahead of Communist Party leader Georges Marchais.

U.S. SINGER and film actress Madonna, who boasted of being a "material girl" in one of her hit songs, is secretly working on a low-budget film for what must seem like a pittance, film industry sources said. The 29-year-old singer, who earned an estimated \$26 million in 1987 and is estimated to have a personal fortune of well over \$100 million, is being paid \$379 dollars a day shooting "Bloodhounds of Broadway" in New Jersey.

WOULD-BE American presidential assassin Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme was under tight security yesterday following her recapture after she stumbled into searchers. Fromme was seized without incident on Friday, 3.2 kilometres from the Virginia's Alderson Federal Correctional Institution, where she escaped on Wednesday night. The 39-year-old follower of mass murderer Charles Manson is serving a life sentence for trying to kill President Gerald Ford in 1975.

FLORIDA authorities made a startling discovery when they strip-searched a suspect accused of bilking three Connecticut banks out of more than \$80,000 before disappearing last summer. He is a she. The suspect, known as Richard Wong or Chung Yin Wong, looks like a man, talks like a man, identifies herself as a man on legal documents and has a wife, local police and Florida officials say.

## Afghani guerrillas deny Soviet claims in fighting

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) - An Afghan guerrilla leader conceded Friday that Soviet and Afghan soldiers had advanced toward the besieged city of Khost, but dismissed Soviet claims of 1,500 guerrilla casualties.

"We accept that they advanced about 10 to 15 kms from their former positions," Younis Khalis said in a telephone interview conducted in Persian from the Pakistani border city of Peshawar. He denied Soviet reports of having come to within 40 km of Khost.

Khalis, leader of the seven-party Afghan opposition alliance, said the advance occurred only "because we cannot destroy all their tanks and planes all at once."

He added, however, that the jihadis of Moslem fighters, or mujahedin, participating in the battle

for Khost was increasing.

He said with the present number of 20,000 Soviet and Kabul forces fighting in the Khost area near the Pakistani border had no hope of breaking the siege unless more troops were brought in.

Khalis dismissed as a "total lie" the claim made in Moscow on Wednesday by Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov that 1,500 Mujahideen had been killed or wounded in the first two days of a major offensive to reclaim Khost. He said about 40 Mujahideen and civilians had been "martyred." The guerrillas destroyed 11 planes, including two helicopters, and 60 tanks over the past month. Forty enemy troops had also surrendered, he added.

Khost, in Pakia province, is 120 km east of the capital Kabul and 25

km west of the border with Pakistan.

In Moscow yesterday, police near the Defence Ministry roughed up and dragged away four Soviets who were trying to protest the Kremlin's military intervention in Afghanistan, and eight others were reported detained at a similar action in Leningrad.

The afternoon street demonstrations in the Soviet Union's two biggest cities took place on the eve of the eighth anniversary of the December 27, 1979 push by Soviet army units into Afghanistan.

In Leningrad, eight people were detained as they unfurled banners and signs reading "Bring our children back alive from Afghanistan" and "Withdraw Soviet troops from Afghanistan," a dissident source reported.

## 36 hurt as car bombs hit Islamabad on Afghan war anniversary

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) - Three nearly simultaneous car bomb explosions rocked downtown Islamabad yesterday, injuring 36 people on the eve of the eighth anniversary of Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan, police and witnesses said.

Hospital sources said four people

were in critical condition. Eleven cars were destroyed, including the three carrying the bombs, and dozens of shops and businesses in a four-block area were damaged, police said.

The bombs went off at around 6:45 p.m. at three locations within a 5-km. radius and within an interval

of a few seconds, blowing off shop shutters and shattering windows.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility.

The Pakistan government has blamed the Afghan secret service for a spate of terrorist bombings that have killed nearly 300 people this year.

## Government changes of 1987

NEW YORK (AP) - South Korean voters directly elected a national leader for the first time in 16 years in one of the most closely watched government changes of 1987. But in Haiti, widespread bloodshed blocked an attempt to hold the first open elections in three decades.

In other changes of government worldwide in 1987, new leaders emerged from the ruling parties in China, Japan, and Czechoslovakia, while soldiers ousted leaders in Burundi, Burkina Faso and Fiji.

In peaceful elections, voters replaced elected leaders in Iceland, Ireland and Malta. The Belgian governing coalition lost much of their parliamentary majority, and efforts were under way to form a new government. The 54-year-old president of Tunisia was pushed out through a constitutional mechanism, and the president of Niger died.

Ruling parties survived elections in Indonesia, New Zealand, South Africa, Spain, Turkey and West Germany. The Italian government fell, but was reformed with the same coalition. The Philippines, Argentina, Ecuador and the Comoros Islands repelled attempts at violent government overthrows.

South Korean President Chun Doo Hwan, in a sudden about-face after massive rioting, consented to let his replacement be elected December 16 rather than be appointed. Roh Tae Woo, a former general and the ruling party's candidate, won the elections, setting the stage for orderly transition. But a polarized opposition refused to accept the outcome and threatened unrest.

Haiti also scheduled elections for December, but the government of

Gen. Henri Namphy cancelled them during a wave of electoral violence. A new electoral council pledged to hold elections on Jan. 17, 1988 to replace the provisional junta, which assumed power when former president-for-life Jean-Claude Duvalier fled to France in 1986.

Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping, 83, voluntarily stepped down at the 13th National Party Congress in December to usher in younger leadership. His protégé, Zhao Ziyang, 68, became general-secretary.

In Japan, Noboru Takeshita was elected prime minister by the ruling Liberal Democratic Party in November, after being hand-picked by his predecessor, Yasuhiro Nakasone.

In Czechoslovakia, Milos Jakes, 65, replaced 74-year-old Gustav Husak as Communist Party leader in December as the Soviet Union signalled that it expected the new leader to follow recent Soviet reforms.

Fiji experienced two coups led by Col. Sitiveni Rabuka. On May 14, the ethnic Fijian led troops against the government because Prime Minister Timoci Bavadra had included Indians in his administration in the racially divided South Pacific islands.

Rabuka led another coup on Sept. 25, appointed a president and declared the former Commonwealth member a republic.

Pierre Buyoya staged a coup on Sept. 3 in the tiny east African na-

tion of Burundi while President Jean-Baptiste Bagaza was attending a conference in Canada.

In the Philippines, President Corason Aquino sought legitimacy for her government in a Feb. 2 plebiscite, when more than three-quarters of the voters approved a new constitution.

Aquino stood fast against restless military factions. On January 27, several hundred military personnel loyal to ousted President Ferdinand Marcos took over naval headquarters and broadcast outlets. The mutineers surrendered two days later. Fifty-three people died when military renegades attempted to overthrow Aquino on August 28. Insurrection leader Col. Gregorio Honasan was captured in December.

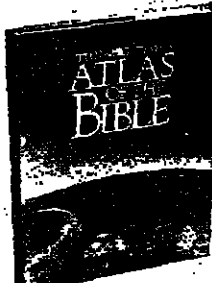
Argentina and Ecuador, both under military rule in the 1970s, were shaken by military revolts.

Ecuadorian Air Force paratroopers kidnapped elected President Leon Febres Cordero on January 16, held him 11 hours and exchanged him for an imprisoned leader of a military revolt in March 1986.

Renegade Argentine soldiers - angered by trials of officers for killing and torturing people during military rule - revolted in April. Citizens poured into the streets to support elected President Raul Alfonsín, who persuaded the soldiers to give up.

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# Ilya Ehrenburg's papers, secretly kept at Yad Vashem, finally to be published

By Edward Grossman

No one knows for sure yet how Ilya Ehrenburg managed to stay alive while all his literary colleagues and comrades of the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee were being put to death by Stalin. Among the men murdered were theatrical director Solomon Mikhoels and writer Peretz Markish.

In an article published in 1948 in *Pravda* and headlined "Comrade Ehrenburg Exaggerates," charges were made that three years after the end of the war and on the eve of the establishment of East Germany, the writer was still harping on the collective guilt of the Germans and was incorrectly emphasizing Jewish suffering. Such an article at that time was usually equivalent to a death sentence. Yet Ehrenburg survived, was never even arrested and died peacefully in 1967.

He kept writing — one of his most famous books, *The Thaw*, came out in the Khrushchev period — and also became the address for all kinds of complaints, stories, requests and historical materials supplied by Soviet Jews. Ehrenburg's apartment in Moscow filled up with documents on the experience of Jews in the Soviet Union during and after the Holocaust.

Several years after his death, when aliyah from the USSR got underway, this collection was brought to Israel and given, as Ehrenburg wished, to Yad Vashem. The bequest was made with the understanding that it wouldn't immediately be publicized. The hundreds of letters in Yad Vashem's subterranean, walk-in safe.

Now, 20 years after Ehrenburg's death, and with the consent of those who brought them from Moscow to Jerusalem, Am Oved will publish *Letters to Ilya* in Hebrew.

Ehrenburg became the address because he survived, because he was a star and because, with novelist Vasily Grossman, he had compiled *The Black Book*. This is a record of the crimes committed by the Germans against Jews in all parts of the Soviet Union occupied by the Wehrmacht.

Work on *The Black Book* was started by the Jewish Anti-Fascist



Yad Vashem head Moshe Arad working on the Ilya Ehrenburg papers (Aliza Auerbach)

Committee, with Stalin's blessing, as early as 1943 when the Red Army took the offensive. The committee was a valuable propaganda vehicle as long as the war lasted and the USSR and U.S. were allies.

Ehrenburg, Grossman and others followed the troops into newly-liberated areas and took testimony both from local non-Jews and from the few Jewish survivors. Grossman also went into Poland and sent the first reports from Treblinka. A thick manuscript summarizing all the testimony was prepared and reached the press of the state publishing house in 1947.

*The Black Book*, however, has yet to be published in the Soviet Union. Dr. Yitzhak Arad, chairman of Yad Vashem, took time out last

week from his campaign to save his institution and explained why publication was stopped.

"First, there was a change in Stalin's policy toward the Jews. This culminated in the execution of the writers and the so-called 'Doctors' Plot.' It might have gone further. The Soviet Jews might all have been deported permanently to Asia if Stalin hadn't died.

"Second, there was the change in the Soviet line about Germany. Ehrenburg and Grossman in *The Black Book* stressed the guilt of the entire German people. This was the line during the war. But now, with East Germany about to be established, the distinction would have to be made between bad Germans and good. The bad would be the reactionary fascist circles in West Germany, Arad explains.

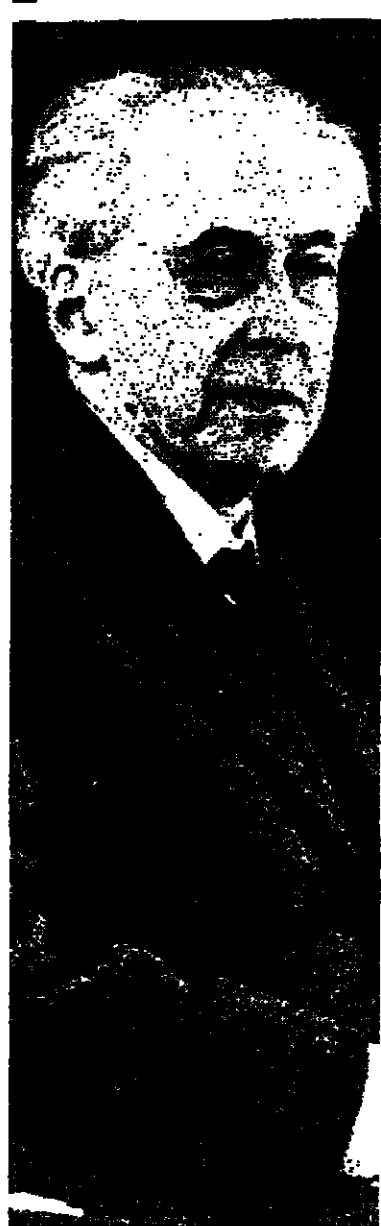
A photocopy of *The Black Book* arrived in Israel in 1949. It was held privately until 1965 when it was given to Yad Vashem, and in 1980 it was published here in Russian.

"We published it exactly as we got it," says Arad. "We included all of Ehrenburg's paeans to Stalin so that no one could accuse us of re-writing. The general tendency of *The Black Book* is to cast the whole Soviet people as victims, among whom the Jews suffered worst.

"Portions had been published in the Soviet press before 1947. Ours, published in 1980, is the only complete version in Russian. It's still forbidden in the Soviet Union. It may circulate in *samizdat*, but I know that visitors who have tried to bring it in their luggage have had it confiscated at customs. Maybe now, with *glasnost*, things will change."

Both the material on which *The Black Book* is based and the letters received by Ehrenburg until his death remained in Moscow until transferred here in the early '70s. Wasn't it illegal according to Soviet law to take this library out of the country?

"I'm not a legal expert," Arad answers, "but in any event, these are private letters. As for the manuscript of *The Black Book* and the documents on which it is based, as



Ilya Ehrenburg (S.A.R.L.)

far as I know, the Soviets have never classified this as secret."

How exactly did the papers get here?

"I can't reveal that yet. But I can say that Ehrenburg believed that the place for this collection was in Israel and Yad Vashem. He wished this material to be in Jewish hands."

The letters, yellowing and some of them torn, have been painstakingly



A propaganda photo from May 1942, captioned "the popular Russian writer Ilya Ehrenburg with the men of the Western front"

repaired, conserved, collated and bound by a team at Yad Vashem, including recent Soviet olim. Some of the letters were typed by the senders, most were hand-written. Even someone who doesn't know Russian can see that sections of some are in verse.

They testify, according to Arad, to what happened to Soviet Jews and what they were thinking after the war, for example, when those who had fled or been evacuated to the Asian republics returned to their homes and picked up the pieces.

But what has this to do with Yad Vashem's mission which, strictly speaking, is the study and remembrance of the Holocaust?

"We consider the survivors and their experience part of the subject," Arad says.

"The Holocaust didn't end with the German surrender. There were hundreds of thousands of displaced persons and there were fresh anti-Semitic outbursts. It took some years before the DP's settled in Israel, the U.S. or Australia. In general, we treat these years as part of the Holocaust. We also include the problem of the return of Jewish

property. All these aspects are reflected in the Ehrenburg papers."

Because of Yad Vashem's financial troubles, *Letters to Ilya* will be published by Am Oved. His institution, Arad complains, gets only one-third of the public funds annually which such other worthy enterprises such as the Ha'aretz Museum in Tel Aviv receive, and this has led to a critical situation.

"For several years, our operating budget, 80 per cent of which is provided by the Knesset and 20 per cent by the Jewish Agency, has been frozen. We are hard-pressed to pay salaries to everyone from the top researcher to the night watchman. How can the government do this to Yad Vashem? To accomplish what we've been legislated to do, we need a budget at least three times as large."

Arad was sitting in his office on the new top floor of Yad Vashem's administrative wing. This construction, like the monumental "Valley of the Destroyed Communities," was paid for by foreign contributions.

Although he doesn't like the term "competition," Arad admits that

donors in the Diaspora are torn between contributing to Yad Vashem or to one of the Holocaust memorials in the U.S. In any case, they'll pay only for projects, not for upkeep or salaries.

"There's no doubt that if we turn to a Jew in New York or Washington or Los Angeles, and if others in his own country ask him for money, in the best instance, he'll say, 'I'll give to both.' Or he'll say, 'I live here in America, my children live here, the honour I'll get for giving may be bigger here, and so...'

"On the other hand, any institution established anywhere to raise consciousness about the Holocaust is, in principle, a positive thing."

Yad Vashem, nevertheless, is special because, as Arad says, it's in Israel and was set up by law.

"If we mean what we say about the centrality of Israel, this means that we have to continue teaching here about the Holocaust, and one of the main functions of Yad Vashem is educational. Everybody from IDF recruits to the prime minister of France come here to learn. Without Yad Vashem, you can't understand Israel."

## The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra

TEL AVIV, Mann Auditorium, 8:30 p.m.  
**SUBSCRIPTION CONCERT No. 4**  
LUCIANO BERIO conductor  
ALDO BENNICI viola  
RADIO STUTTGART CHOIR  
Programme:  
Berio — "Voci"  
Berio — "Coro"  
Series G: Tonight, 27.12.87  
Series H: Saturday, 2.1.88

TEL AVIV, Mann Auditorium, 8:30 p.m.  
**SUBSCRIPTION CONCERT No. 5**  
RAFAEL FRUHBEEK DE BURGOS conductor  
YEYIM BRONFMAN piano  
Programme:  
Symphony No. 6  
Bartok — Piano Concerto No. 2  
Liszt — "Escale"  
Respighi — "Pines of Rome"  
Series A: Tuesday, 5.1.88  
Series B: Wednesday, 6.1.88  
Series C: Thursday, 7.1.88  
Series D: Sunday, 10.1.88  
Series E: Monday, 11.1.88

TEL AVIV, Mann Auditorium, 8:30 p.m.  
**LIGHT MUSIC CONCERT No. 3**  
RAFAEL FRUHBEEK DE BURGOS conductor  
YEYIM BRONFMAN piano  
Programme:  
Bizet — Suite from "Carmen"  
Saint-Saens — Piano Concerto No. 2  
Albeniz — Suite Espagnole  
De Falla — Excerpts from "El Amor Brujo"  
De Falla — Dance from "La Vida Breve"  
Chapi — Prelude  
Granados — Intermezzo from "Goyescas"  
Gimenez — Intermezzo from "La Boda de Luis Alonso"  
Saturday, 9.1.88  
JERUSALEM, Binyanei Ha'uma  
**SUBSCRIPTION CONCERT No. 3**  
LUCIANO BERIO conductor  
ALDO BENNICI viola  
RADIO STUTTGART CHOIR  
Programme:  
Berio — "Voci"  
Berio — "Coro"  
Monday, 28.12.87

HAIFA, Haifa Auditorium, 8:30 p.m.  
**SUBSCRIPTION CONCERT No. 4**  
LUCIANO BERIO conductor  
ALDO BENNICI viola  
RADIO STUTTGART CHOIR  
Programme:  
Berio — "Voci"  
Berio — "Coro"  
Series A: Tuesday, 29.12.87  
Series B: Wednesday, 30.12.87  
Series C: Thursday, 31.12.87

By ELAINE RUTH FLETCHER

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
Last Monday's violence-marred strike by Israeli Arabs was staged to show support for West Bank Palestinians, but it also reflected a "growing frustration" with the government's failure to deal seriously with local problems of limited job opportunities, inadequate education and insufficient municipal services.

"It's about time the government dealt with the Israeli Arab problem in a serious manner," declared Eli Rekhes, an expert at Tel Aviv University's Dayan Centre on Israeli Arabs, in an interview last week.

"There have been suggestions, solutions. On every subject there are proposals. But no practical decisions have been made and nothing has been implemented," Rekhes said.

Rekhes also cautioned that there will be no "overall" solution to the problems of the Arab minority in Israel as long as the Palestinian question remains unresolved.

"Monday's events only prove the point," he said. "But that doesn't mean things should be left as they are. There is a tendency of Palestinianization in the Israeli Arab community. Dealing with the various civil problems would strengthen the

## 'It's about time the government dealt in a serious manner with the Israeli Arab problem'

Eli Rekhes (right) says proposals abound that deal with the frustrations of Israeli Arabs — but none has been implemented. Elaine Ruth Fletcher reports.

opposition [to that trend]."

The 40-year-old problem of Iqrit and Biram villagers evacuated from their homes by the IDF and never allowed to return is a good example of a festering problem on which action has never been taken, Rekhes said.

Proposals to restore the villages were developed under both Ezer Weizman and Moshe Arens, when they were in charge of the Arab Affairs office. But government action was never taken.

Problems of inferior educational facilities and limited job opportuni-

ties for Arab youth are also a potential time bomb.

"Do young [Arab] people in the state of Israel have a place to go in the afternoon? Do they have a framework, an Israeli framework that will accept them?" demanded Rekhes. "Add that to the political and Palestinian issue and you get the mixture that led to Monday."

"There is a basic tendency on the part of Israeli Arabs to be incorporated into the Israeli scene. Yet because of discrepancies between Jews and Arabs, there are growing feelings of bitterness and frustration."

"These feelings of dissatisfaction on the civil level are channeled into the nationalist sphere, and the distinction between the struggle for civil rights and for political and national aims is gradually blurred."

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the problems of the Israeli Arabs are likely to become a political football.

"The whole business is being politicized immediately. It was politicized from the start by Arab elements. Now it is being politicized by the Jewish side," he said.

Compounding the political problem, the Jewish sector is displaying a "growing extremism" vis a vis Arabs, noted Rekhes.

And Monday's events only add fuel to the fire. For instance, the Tnu'a of Fatah demonstration that blocked the Wadi Ara road from Hadera to Afula was charged with meaning for Jews.

"It's a strategic road loaded with historic memories of the War of Independence. It is an area heavily populated by Arabs, and if blocked it really cuts off part of the North from the central part of the state."

"For many years Jews were afraid to travel there alone at night... and now suddenly it seems as though those fears were realized."

Still, Rekhes doesn't see the logic in adopting an "iron fist" policy in the Triangle or Galilee.

"Iron fist against whom? Eighty Arabs were arrested. They will be dealt with. An iron fist should be directed into events that deserve an iron fist. Had unrest and riots continued mending for weeks, I'm sure action would have been taken."

## Alleged war crimes catch-up with L.A. resident

By TOM TUGEND  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LOS ANGELES — The U.S. Justice Department has accused a retired Los Angeles factory worker of serving as a guard at the Auschwitz death camp and has initiated deportation proceedings against him.

According to the authorities, Josef Eckert, 73, is a native of what is now Yugoslavia. He served in a Nazi SS unit from 1943 to 1945, and "assisted or otherwise participated in the persecution" of Auschwitz inmates, who were mainly Jews.

Government records indicate that Eckert was a member of the Totenkopf-Sturmabteilung (Death Head Battalion), described by Rabbi Marvin Hier of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre for Holocaust Studies as "the most murderous unit in the German army."

Eckert himself could not be reached for comment, but neighbours in the working class suburb of La Puente praised him as a good neighbour who cast himself as a victim, rather than willing participant, of the German war machine.

Eckert is the third alleged Auschwitz guard against whom deportation proceedings have been started this year. The other two are Albert Ensin and Stefan Reger.

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## Police crack down on drugs coming in from Lebanon

By ANDY COURT

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## Winds and fuses blow

The stormy weather of the last few days has caused power failures around the country, but according to an Israel Electric Corporation spokesman, the problem stemmed equally from fuse-box overloads.

He noted at the weekend that increased demand for electricity was causing fuses to blow in buildings not equipped to handle the large number of electrical appliances.

## Bravo to JSO's guest conductor David Shallon

JERUSALEM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

ISA David Shallon, conductor; Boris Berman, piano; Ram Oren, trumpet. (Henry Crown Hall, Dec. 22.) Berlioz: Overture "Le Corsaire", op. 21; Shostakovich: Concerto No. 1 for Piano, Strings and Trumpet obligato; Schumann: Symphony No. 2 in c major, op. 61.

UNTIL SUCH TIME as the new permanent conductor of the JSO takes up residence in Jerusalem, the orchestra could do far worse than bring in such young men as David Shallon to direct its current events. Shallon is an excellent musician who is able to take the bare outlines of a printed score and translate them into a full-bodied performance that conveys the spirit of the music. This is a major step beyond some of the



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# A mixed year for mutual funds

By PINHAS LANDAU  
Post Finance Reporter

Mutual funds have become the preferred means of investment in the share and bond markets. This is true not only of small individual investors, but even, in many cases, of large portfolio managers, who prefer putting some of their clients' money under other people's management, usually for specific, short-term reasons.

Given the continued absence of genuine institutional investors, such as provident and pension funds, and insurance companies, the mutual funds are able to maintain their status as the dominant players, at least in the share market. In the bond market, the capital market reform has brought the provident funds into the open market, and they may soon be followed by the insurance companies, so that the relative weight of mutual funds there is much smaller.

This prominence has been a mixed blessing for the fund managers, making them the target for a great deal of criticism and their behaviour is closely watched because their role is so central.

For these managers, just about everything in the markets has been mixed during 1987, including their market shares, relative performances, and future expectations and hence current behaviour.

The mutual fund industry is still dominated by the commercial banking groups, although the changes in ownership and operations demanded by the Bejski commission report have begun to occur. The accompanying table shows that the big three bank groups' combined market share at the end of last month was 83.8 per cent, not much different

Market Shares of Mutual Fund Groups				
Group	Percentage share of total assets	Dec. 85	Dec. 86	Nov. 87
Leumi	48.2	45.2	40.9	-4.3
Hapoalim	22.4	24.7	28.4	+3.7
Discount	16.2	15.4	14.5	-0.9
Mizrahi	4.6	4.9	4.7	-0.2
First Int'l	3.1	3.7	4.4	+0.7
Others	5.5	6.1	7.1	+1.0
Total assets (NIS millions)	1730.3	2323.7	3596.8	

from the 86.8 per cent they had two years ago.

It is within this group that a quite dramatic change has occurred over the last two years, and especially in the current one. Leumi-PIA has seen its overwhelming dominance rapidly eroded, while Discount, too, has lost ground in relative terms (in absolute assets, of course, all the fund managers are ahead).

The outstanding gainer has been Hapoalim's mutual fund group, which includes a sub-division belonging to the bank's American-Israel Bank subsidiary. The process whereby Hapoalim's market share has crawled up month after month while Leumi's has slipped downwards, has become almost a fixed feature of the markets. The reasons for this pattern are basically straightforward: Hapoalim has made more efforts, and got more things right in the course of them, than have its rivals.

The most obvious place to see evidence of this is in the performance charts. With only a few trading days before the final results are in for 1987, it is clear that Hapoalim's funds performed better. Whether in shares, index-linked or foreign-currency bonds, or mixed funds, the results show Hapoalim

ahead of Leumi, and usually of Discount as well.

More remarkably, for a hitherto conservative outfit characterized by boring top management, Hapoalim's fund group has become far more aggressive in seeking to do things differently, or to introduce entirely new products. While the people are still the same, their approach has changed radically, and their rivals seem stuck in a rut. This innovativeness was well illustrated in early November, when Hapoalim launched Etgar (Challenge) into a depressed share market, but nevertheless succeeded in quickly attracting over NIS 40 million in assets.

Etgar's novelty, in the Israeli context, is that it is comprised of holdings in the 70 companies with the highest capitalization in the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, and simply reflects their performance. It is run by a computer rather than an analyst, and is ideal for people who want to invest in "the market" as such, rather than devise a more precise strategy.

Etgar has posed a double challenge to the mutual fund industry. It shows that henceforth fund managers will have both to think better and market better - because the real achievement of Etgar was in per-

suading the thick-headed regulators and the uneducated investing public to understand and accept new ideas.

It is difficult to believe that Hapoalim will continue to run ahead of the pack to the same extent. Leumi and Discount will have to produce more effective responses. If they do not, Hapoalim will not be their only problem.

As the table shows, First International Bank has been consistently improving its showing over the last two years. One reason for that may be that the bank has withdrawn counselling services from its branches for shares, but not for mutual funds.

"Others" are also doing well. These are the small private brokers, among whom IBI, Betucha (of the Clal group) and Unitrust are the largest and most active. Several of the funds managed by these smaller outfits have performed outstandingly well over the last year.

In short, the competition is getting tougher, as is the sophistication needed in the research, trading and marketing functions of the mutual funds. As the capital markets gradually get used to an environment of low inflation and wide disparities in the performance of different companies, more attention will be paid to the record and management of specific funds and fund groups. Investors, especially the larger ones, are hardly likely to put their money into a fund just because it is managed by the bank where they have their account.

It therefore seems likely that the positive trends in the industry which have emerged this year, will intensify in the future. This will be to the benefit of the individual investor and of the market as a whole.

## No progress in Shahal's oil reform

By LISA PERLMAN  
For The Jerusalem Post

Energy Minister Moshe Shahal and the general managers of the three oil companies made no headway in their talks Friday over the minister's reform plan for the fuel sector.

It was expected that the heads of Paz Oil Co., Delek Ltd., and Sonol Fuel Co., would announce at this meeting their acceptance or rejection of Shahal's latest "compromise" proposal for his controversial reform plan.

The three reportedly agreed in principle to the compromise when it was recently offered, more than a year after Shahal first introduced his plan. The reforms call for increased competition in the sector and a reduction of government intervention.

The compromise would prevent the state-owned Oil Refineries Ltd. from marketing their products directly to consumers. Instead, they will have to go through either Paz, Sonol or Delek - contrary to the recommendations of the National Energy Authority.

But the company heads have charged that this would cause chaos in the local energy market. They have also failed to reach an agreement with the Oil Refineries over how best to execute this change.

## Safer drivers deserve lower insurance

Post Finance Reporter

The Knesset sub-committee on road safety, chaired by Uriel Lynn, has begun a campaign aimed at totally revamping the system of car insurance in Israel by linking premiums to the individual driver's safety record.

Lynn has written to Finance Minister Moshe Nissim, requesting him to set up a committee of experts to examine the proposal and report its findings within three months. He recommends the panel comprise representatives from the Finance, Justice and Transport ministries, as well as the Knesset sub-committee, which is an adjunct of the Knesset Economic Committee.

The essence of the proposed new system is for drivers to pay car insurance premiums that reflect their personal proneness to accidents. Six levels of premiums would be established, ranging from very low for drivers with no accident record to very high premiums for multiple offenders.

Lynn himself sees three distinct advantages in the new system. By providing a direct incentive to save money, it should persuade drivers to take fewer risks and obey traffic regulations. It is fairer, because good drivers will no longer need to subsidize the insurance premiums of bad ones. Further, it should prevent the need for further general premium rises, which have caused distortions and cartel operations, reduced competition between companies.

In hearings to date, the sub-committee has found support for its initiative from the Association of Insurance Companies, the police, the National Council for the Prevention of Road Accidents and consumer organizations. It is urging the Treasury to take up the proposal as a matter of priority, in line with the emphasis the government has recently placed on the issue of road safety.

## NOTICE

There are no European and New York financial figures today because of the Christmas holiday on Friday. For the same reason, there are no new stock exchange rates. For Thursday's figures, please consult Friday's edition of The Jerusalem Post.

## MIDDLE EAST ECONOMY

## The Turkish cycle

ANKARA (AP) - Big-city streets have been ripped open to build new sewer and water systems. High-rise apartment buildings are mushrooming. Daily power cuts have become just a memory.

These are a few signs of an economic boom in Turkey that helped assure premier Turgut Ozal's return to power in parliamentary elections in November.

But the nation is in for a new period of austerity as Ozal tries to streamline an economy thrown into serious imbalances.

The economy has grown at an average annual rate of 7.5 per cent in the last two years. But the dark side of the government's economic performance is high inflation, expected to approach 60 per cent at year's end, a rising budget deficit and increasing foreign debt.

The damage is not irreparable, foreign analysts say. If Turks are willing to withstand some more belt-tightening for a year or two. Meanwhile, Ozal is ready to undertake what he calls the biggest economic reform in the republic's history - selling off state-owned companies.

"The state will get out of trade and industry," he told a news conference a few days before the Nov. 29 general elections.

Just two days after Ozal won his new five-year mandate, the government announced price hikes ranging from 10 to 50 per cent on goods and

services produced by state-run enterprises.

The announcement triggered a matching response in the private sector, which reportedly had held off increases until after the elections at Ozal's urging.

The cost of virtually everything, from light bulbs to bread to bus fares, went up within a week.

Sevket Yilmaz, head of Turkey's largest labour union confederation, accused the government of robbing the poor with unjust taxation disguised as price rises. He demanded immediate raises. Opposition leader Erdal Inonu threatened protest marches, saying: "All those hurt by the price increases, follow me."

But the streets of Turkey remained quiet. Turks are used to austerity measures that follow boom cycles.

The government is expected to announce raises for civil servants next month, and tax brackets are expected to be adjusted in their favour. More economic fine-tuning and liberalization are to follow.

Ozal already has made clear he will try to reduce the growth rate to a more manageable 4 per cent or 5 per cent by applying the brakes on massive state infrastructure investments.

"For a while, we will not undertake new investments but concentrate on completing the ones started," he said.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Wertheimer may still get Beit Shemesh

The deal between the government and Stef Wertheimer on the transfer of Beit Shemesh Engines to the industrialist could still be on.

Wertheimer recently told the Treasury's director-general, Victor Medina, he would reassess his position and give a final answer in two weeks.

Wertheimer had announced some weeks ago he was no longer interested in getting the troubled engine maker from the government, as was agreed in principle last year. He said the Treasury had blocked the implementation of that accord for over a year, and therefore he was no longer interested in the plant.

But Wertheimer said last week he still believed Beit Shemesh had a future, and should continue operating. Nevertheless he did not commit himself to buying the plant from the government. (Avi Temkin)

### Mivtahim healthy

Mivtahim pension fund represents over 50 per cent of Israel's pension system and is in sound financial shape, General Manager Amos Eran said Wednesday at a meeting of its board.

The number of Mivtahim members who had at least one transaction registered in their account last year was over 400,000, Eran said. He added that the fund would collect some NIS 550 million in 1987. Together with the yield of investments the fund's revenue will be over NIS 1 billion. The fund's accumulated capital will total by the end of the year NIS 7.2b., a rise of 7.5 per cent over last year.

### Eilat hotel sold

The Tel Aviv District Court Wednesday approved the sale of the assets of the Clarin Group's Eilat Club Hotel, a time-sharing development, to the Hashguri Group.

Under the agreement, Clarin's receivers will get \$4.9 million. The Hashguri Group will finish developing the project, but purchasers of units in the hotel who choose to join the arrangement will have to add an additional \$1,000 to the purchase price.

### No deal at UMB

Negotiations over the future of Bank Mizrahi's New York subsidiary, UMB Trust Company of New York, are still in a very preliminary stage - so much so that it is not yet clear who is buying what from whom.

The Israeli bank has been at loggerheads with some of its junior partners in Mizrahi Overseas Bank holding, in which Mizrahi itself holds a majority stake, and which is parent of units in New York, London and Zurich.

Among the possibilities under discussion between Mizrahi and its overseas partners are the division of the units owned by Mizrahi Overseas; the purchase by Mizrahi of the stakes of the disaffected partners, possibly accompanied by their substitution by new partners; or the purchase of Mizrahi's own stake.

All the overseas units have been strongly profitable in the past, especially the New York bank, which has the best profit record of any Israeli bank in the U.S. This is one reason why analysts are doubtful whether Mizrahi, despite its need to sell assets to bolster its financial capital, will be ready to tell off New York. (Pinhas Landau)

### Jewelry Week fair

Seventy-five American jewelry buyers are expected to come to Israel for next month's "Jewelry Week" organized by the Israel Export Institute and the Industry and Trade Ministry.

Israel's commercial attaché in the U.S. David Litvak pointed out last week that these buyers represent some of the biggest retail chains in America. Litvak said he hoped other buyers would attend the fair in Jerusalem between January 11-13 and that the recent disturbances would not lead to any cancellations.

Israel's jewelry exports for this year are expected to total nearly \$200 million as opposed to \$173.6m. for 1986. (Jeff Black)

### New investments

The Industry and Trade Ministry Investment Centre last week approved 10 projects involving an investment of \$8.5 million. The largest project involves the construction of a textile factory in Kiryat Shmona financed by investors from Hongkong.

## EXECUTIVE CHANGES

### Clal Trading appoints two new deputy managers

Clal Trading Ltd. has named two new deputy managing directors. MORDECHAI AREK, 40, has degrees in economics and business, and for the past five years has worked as deputy managing director of Azorim Ltd., the property development concern. MORDECHAI GLICK, 35 and an accountant, has worked for various subsidiaries of Clal for the past five years, the most recent with Clal Trading.

Koor Industries Ltd. has named four new members to its board of directors: SHMUEL TITYANI, DAN ROAD, RAMZI BARAZANI and DOV DOR. At the same time MOSHE AVISAR and LEIBA NARMAN have resigned.

ALFRED AKIROV has left the board of Jerusalem Oil Exploration Ltd. The company said Akirov did not want to serve as director of a company in which he was not a



United Studios of Herzliya and Technion Ltd's northern managers: Yitzhak Reuven and Avishai Kfir.



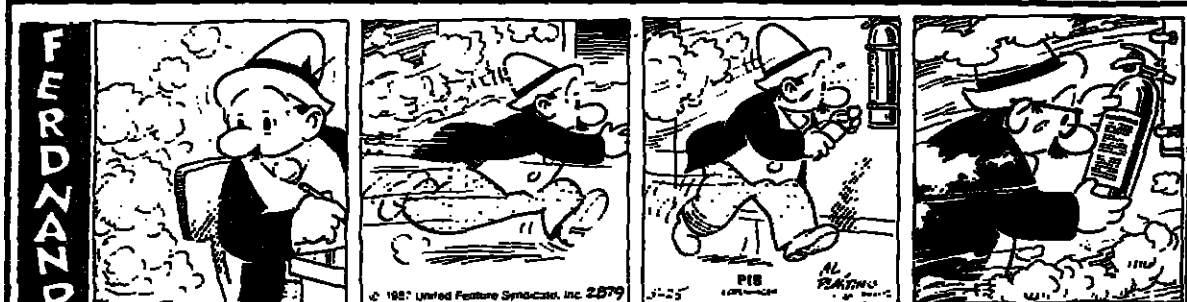
shareholder. Akirov sold his stake in the company earlier this year.

The Bar Association's decision to ban its members from sitting on the boards of companies for whom they do legal work has been thinning the ranks of attorney-directors. The latest resignation is that of GAD NASHITZ, who is giving up his seat on the Israel Citrus Plantations Ltd. board.

Edgar Textile Industries Ltd. is also losing a board member. YECHIEL HATZOR said in a letter to the company earlier this month that he could no longer serve because his civil engineering firm did not leave him enough free time and could create conflicts of interest when he did work for Edgar. He added that he was also acting as a director for A.I. Advanced Industries Ltd., a Herzliya computer maker.

At Argaman Industries Ltd., YA'ACOV MACAT has resigned from his post as chairman of the board, to be replaced by a new director, YORAM GIL.

United Studios of Herzliya and Technion Ltd. have named YITZHAK REUVEN and AVISHAI Kfir as managers for the Haifa and northern operations of a new cooperative venture. Reuven has a masters degree in television direction from the University of Wisconsin and studied in the cinema department at Tel Aviv University. He was previously with Israel Television. Kfir studied at Brooklyn College in New York and worked on Israel Television's Tazpit science programme.



## CROSSWORD

### ACROSS

- They operate on the head, though they're not brain surgeons (12)
- Singers making an entrance (7)
- A personal voucher (7)
- Neck with an attractive girl when it's not too warm (7)
- The distribution of gifts needs great craft (7)
- The trainee is left a direction? That's a yarn! (5)
- Judge a reader should be at the back of the car (9)
- Draw back, or deer etc will get agitated (9)
- An island in mid-Atlantic—a primates paradise (5)
- Beats striking cricket scores (7)
- Get dunderhead to twist before the French weaken (7)
- Telephone about an object splitting (7)
- A mother, a six-footer and very hard (7)
- Having to undo a knot sure can make one bad-tempered (12)
- Debates about price-fixing (7)
- Some quite miserable people set out (7)
- Bring accusations after the underworld boss is let off (9)
- The painter may well need to take such a stand (5)
- Clean up for example as punishment (7)
- A particular honour (7)
- The return journey (8,4)
- Reveal as a result of one trio's grim resolution (12)
- Alfresco meal for a flier? (9)
- Big fellow backing superior—the queen (7)
- He spends his days dealing with the complaints of viewers (7)
- Once-fashionable city (7)
- Hawkers may invest five hundred pounds in fruit (7)
- "Drop" by an author from France (5)

### Friday's solutions

**MIDNIGHTSUN**  
A I L O N C  
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### QUICK SOLUTION

Across: 1 Carbon paper, 7 Culla, 9 Crevasses, 10 Mistake, 11 Titania, 13 Sabot, 15 Table wine, 16 Aeroplans, 18 Put up, 19 Turn out, 22 Surgeon, 23 Rat poison, 24 Insane, 25 Dresses down.  
Down: 1 Cold sober, 3 Re-start, 8 Orchestra, 4 Fleet, 6 Frizzle, 8 Rezin, 7 Games master, 9 Sea serpents, 14 Blessings, 15 In the main, 17 Provoka, 18 Fortico, 20 Raped, 21 Tuaks.

## QUICK CROSSWORD

### ACROSS

- Nailed (6)
- Venetian artist (6)
- Bull-fighter (7)
- Rub out (6)
- Require (4)
- Little (5)
- Soiled (5)
- Corn-store (4)
- Custom (5)
- Captain (7)
- Courageous (6)
- Keep (5)

### DOWN

- Staying power (7)
- Disperse (7)
- Prepared (5)
- Niggardly (7)
- Giant (5)
- Go in (5)
- Playwright (9)
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- Show (7)
- Rushing stream (7)
- Form (5)
- Approximately (5)
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## WATCH OF THE DAY: Betar Jerusalem 1, Hapoel Tel Aviv 1

## Game of two halves ends in fair draw

By JEFF BLACK

The old cliché of football being a game of two halves sums up perfectly yesterday's one-all draw between Betar Jerusalem and Hapoel Tel Aviv. In an exciting game, each side had plenty of chances to sew up the match—one team in the first half and the other in the second—so the final result accurately reflected the state of play.

Although the field was heavy from the rains, this did not prevent both teams keeping their promise to play open, free-flowing, scientific soccer, which a ground of 4,600 should have enjoyed, although their partisan feelings apparently overwhelmed their appreciation of the football, and they booed their own teams.

The first 45 minutes saw Betar at their best. The Jerusalem midfield took complete control of the centre of the field, with Ye'acov Schwartz in particular putting together some lovely cross-field balls to get the Betar attack moving down the wings.

Ironically, these passes showed up Betar's major weakness, the lack of a strong, decisive central striker. It is all very well getting the ball down to a man free on the right or left, but if there is nobody for him to cross to in the centre, then the move inevitably breaks down. Time and time again, Ronen Rockman was free down the right, but the only player waiting in the middle was Uri Malmilian. Despite his header last week, which gave Betar a last-minute winner against Maccabi Tel Aviv, Malmilian is no type of player to strike fear in the hearts of central defenders as a header of crosses from the wings.

Malmilian in fact has still not shrugged off his bad patch of the current season. All too often he took too much time on the ball, only to be robbed by a Tel Aviv defender.

Another midfield star having an off-day was Hapoel's Moshe Sinai.



PASSING THROUGH—Eli Ohana (left) and Amatzia Lefkowitz were present at Betar Jerusalem's match yesterday at the Bloomfield stadium. Lefkowitz was symbolically moving his chair towards Sun City.

For most of the game he strolled around the park as if his heart was not in the game and it seems as if his short sojourn in Belgium has not done him the slightest good.

Nevertheless it was Malmilian, with a free kick bent around the Hapoel wall, who gave Betar the

lead in the 29th minute. The free kick was given after Yossi Zana shamelessly dragged Rockman down five yards outside Hapoel's penalty area, after an intelligent ball by Shuki Nachmani had put him through. Zana was deservedly booked for this offence by referee

Arye Frost.

The free kick itself was not a classic, and Arye Alter in the Hapoel goal must take responsibility for not saving it. Either his defensive wall left him unsighted, or he was not concentrating when the ball was struck, for he did not move an inch as the ball gently went past him into the net.

Just before half-time, Hapoel's Eli Cohen missed a glorious chance to put the score level from four metres out. His shot was hit straight and hard at Yossi Mizrahi in the Betar goal and rebounded, but Mizrahi somehow managed to clear the rebound shot with his legs. After this miss, it seemed as if Betar were steamrolling towards a second, consecutive win, but then, at the beginning of the second half, Hapoel began to take the initiative. From then on, it was only a matter of time until they got an equalizer.

This came from a surprising source, fullback David Hershlikovich. He found space just outside the Betar area on the left, and let fly a beautiful curling ball into the far corner which gave Mizrahi absolutely no chance.

Betar could have sewn up the game in the last minute when Rockman was put through, but, as so often happened in the game, he failed to make the most of his chance.

Amatzia Lefkowitz served Betar as their "adviser" yesterday, as he did last week, but he made it clear after the match that he is returning this week to Sun City. Sitting on the Betar bench, urging the team on, was the man they are missing so much—Eli Ohana, who is here on holiday during the Christmas lull in European soccer.

If Betar seriously intend to make a belated challenge for this year's championship, a new striker rather than a new trainer should be on the top of their shopping list.

## TENNIS

## Ilana takes a hop Down Under

BY JACK LEON

TEL AVIV — Israel's only woman tennis professional Ilana Berger left for Melbourne on Thursday for an ambitious six-week tour of Australia and New Zealand.

Throughout her trip, 22-year-old Berger will be accompanied by former Australian tennis star Judy Tegart-Dalton, now one of her country's leading coaches. Ilana is spending 10 days working out with Dalton, prior to competing in the Australian Open singles qualifying meet starting in Melbourne on January 9. Amos Mansdorf and Gilad Bloom are playing in the men's main draw there, but she will be the first Israeli woman to take part in this Grand Slam tournament. Following the Open, Berger will again break new ground when she competes in \$50,000 Women's International Tennis Association events in Wellington and Auckland. Ilana hopes to gain direct entry in singles at these two New Zealand meets, the Israel Tennis Association's director of women's tennis Freddie Krivine told me yesterday.

After winning both the singles and doubles events on the recent fourth biannual Vanessa Phillips development circuit here, the latter with Israeli Raketei Benyamini, Berger is now 27th in the WITA world singles rankings and 212th in doubles. The rankings include nearly 650 players.

Dalton — a former longtime world top-tenner in singles and winner of eight Grand Slam doubles titles — was later coach-captain of the successful Australian women's Federation Cup team for five years. She has held two clinics here for women players on behalf of the Israel Tennis Centre. In addition, a year ago Dalton coached Dahlia Coriat in Australia.

Meanwhile, the local women's game received a shot in the arm last week, when the London-based International Tennis Federation informed the ITA that it has upgraded the Phillips event from a development to satellite circuit. This will raise the prize money in each three-tournament plus Masters series from \$20,000 to \$40,000, as well as increasing fivefold the WITA computer ranking points at stake. Krivine reported.



ON THE BALL — Israel's Adi Gordon on his way past France's Valéry Demery during action at the Christmas tournament in Bercy, France yesterday. Israel's national squad beat France 100-86 (51-29). Lavon Mercer and captain Doron Jamchee were Israel's top scorers with 30 and 26 points respectively. Dacoury and Ostrovsky were highest scorers for the hosts, hitting 19 points apiece. Demery added 13. Israel today meet the winners of the game between Yugoslavia and Australia. (AFP)

## NBA

## Hawks soar over 76ers

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Dominique Wilkins scored 45 points, 33 in the second half, as the Atlanta Hawks came back from 17-point first-half deficit and defeated the Philadelphia 76ers 106-100 on Friday night.

Atlanta played without starter Kevin Willis, who missed his third straight game with an injured right knee, and Antoine Carr, who was to start in place of Willis.

Carr shattered a backboard with a slam dunk during pregame warmups and was suspended for the game under National Basketball Association rules. The start of the game was delayed one hour to replace the backboard.

Philadelphia held a 25-8 lead late in the first quarter, and led 35-19 with 10:21 left in the second period. However, Atlanta rallied behind Wilkins and moved ahead to stay 49-47 on a layup by Cliff Levingston with 10:51 left in the third quarter.

Wilkins scored 18 points in the third period, and got Atlanta's first six points in the fourth quarter, leading the Hawks to a 92-84 advantage with 5:13 remaining.

In New York, Bill Laimbeer scored 15 of his 19 points in the second half as the Detroit Pistons rallied for their ninth straight NBA victory, 91-87 over the Knicks.

Isiah Thomas and John Salley led the Pistons with 21 points apiece and Joe Dumars added 19.

Laimbeer, who also finished with 16 rebounds, sank two free throws to tie the score at 85 with 1:34 remaining and touched off an eight-point Detroit spurt.

The 91 points was the lowest point total of the season for the Pistons, who lead the NBA with 119.2 points per game. Their previous low was 97 on November 24 against Houston.

The Knicks have lost 12 straight to the Pistons dating back to December 21, 1985.

## CRICKET

## Dubious catch mars Kiwi innings

MELBOURNE (AP) — A late rally by Craig McDermott put Australia back into a controversial third test against New Zealand at the MCG here yesterday after Allan Border gambled by sending the Kiwis in on an easy batting wicket.

McDermott captured four wickets but the dismissal of his first victim — New Zealand's No. 3 Andrew Jones — upset the Kiwis.

To add to the bitterness of New Zealand's day, opener John Wright was out for 99, a single short of becoming the first New Zealander to score a test century on the MCG. At stumps, New Zealand were 242 for 5, after being 187 for 2 at one stage, with Martin Crowe looking menacing to Australia with 76.

McDermott broke through late in the day with three wickets for eight runs in 25 balls to justify Border's decision to ask the opposition to bat, despite a weakened bowling attack.

The day's fast bowler Merv Hughes pulled out of the team with a hamstring and was replaced by Tony Dodemaide only 30 minutes before the toss.

Left-arm Mike Whitney had already been pencilled in to take Bruce Reid's place after the West Australian paceman withdrew on Friday.

McDermott had to shoulder the attack and claimed his first wicket when Jones, on 40, glanced the first ball of his 13th over to diving wicketkeeper Greg Dyer. Dyer and the team went up for the catch but umpire Tony Crafter hesitated and looked at umpire Dick French at square leg for confirmation before

raising his finger. Television replays appeared to show Dyer had dropped the ball and regathered it while rolling on to the ground with the catch.

Sources in the Australian dressing room said Dyer had thought he had caught the ball to his chest before it hit the ground.

Kiwi cricket manager Glen Alistair didn't want to comment specifically on Jones' dismissal but said: "It's very difficult for the umpires, and there's no doubting their experience. But most of the time umpires make decisions in favour of the batsman if they are in doubt about it."

The decision will no doubt be compared in New Zealand to Kiwi skipper Jeff Crowe's sporting declaration of "No catch" after he had taken a border drive close to the ground in Adelaide. Border was walking but returned and went on to make a double century.

Wright and rookie Kiwi opener Phil Horne compiled 32 before Horne was caught behind for seven to give Dodemaide his maiden test wicket.

Wright, who has done yeoman's service for New Zealand in 55 tests, was often painstaking but deserved his seventh test century.

He was out one short when he was snapped up trying to drive McDermott only 50 minutes from the scheduled end of play.

"I should have been there at stumps — that's what I had intended," he said. The ball was there to be hit and I just hit it in the wrong place."

Wright became the 38th batsman in test cricket to be dismissed on 99.

Pakistan's Saleem Malik was the 37th earlier this year while Englishmen Mike Smith and Geoff Boycott have done it twice.

Wright said batting had been difficult, especially in front of the 51,087 spectators who packed the MCG on Saturday.

"You're very aware of them, and sometimes it was hard to hear calls with the noise — they were like a one-day crowd where the noise is always a problem."

Pick of the Australian bowlers was McDermott, with 4 for 54 from 25 overs. But Whitney put in a solid if unrewarded 23 overs.

In Calcutta, West Indies, helped by a superb century from opener Gordon Greenidge, totalled 263 runs for the loss of two wickets on the opening day yesterday of the third cricket Test against India.

Greenidge had made an unbeaten 133 at close. At the other end skipper Vivian Richards was batting on 55.

West Indies won the toss and elected to bat but the decision seemed unwise with the pitch proving slow. Opener Desmond Haynes offered a simple catch to Srikanth off Kapil Dev with the score at only 13.

But one down batsman Ritchie Richardson and Greenidge took the score to 160 before Richardson hooked spinner Ravi Shastri into the hands of Mohammed Azharuddin at deep fine leg. He had made 51.

Greenidge and Richardson then saw out play.

West Indies won the first Test in Delhi and the second in Bombay had ended in a draw.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## Oklahoma St. win snowy Sun Bowl

NEW YORK (AP) — The sun beamed down on UCLA in Hawaii and Oklahoma State survived a white Christmas in Texas as the two ranked teams came up with bowl victories.

No. 10 UCLA held off Florida 20-16 Friday in the sixth Aloha Bowl in Honolulu, while 11th-ranked Oklahoma State outlasted West Virginia 35-33 in the snowy Sun Bowl at El Paso.

For the Bruins and Coach Terry Donahue, it was the sixth straight year they have finished the season with a bowl victory.

Reserve running back Danny Thompson's first reception of the year, a 5-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Troy Aikman in the third quarter, lifted UCLA, 10-2, out of a 10-10 tie and into the lead for good. Florida's Kerry Watkins deflected the pass near the goal line and Thompson was flat on his back when he made the catch with 1:18 left in the period.

In icy El Paso, where most of the game was played in snow or sleet, Oklahoma State Coach Pat Jones said, "We made just enough big plays at crucial times to allow us to win."

Shawn Mackey stopped Keith Winn a half-yard shy of the end zone on a two-point conversion try to wrap up the Cowboys' victory.

Oklahoma State won their 10th game of the year, losing only to No. 1 Oklahoma and No. 5 Nebraska.

In the only other college game Friday, the 50th annual Blue-Gray All Star Football Classic, Teddy Garcia of Northeast Louisiana kicked his second 44-yard field goal of the game, a 44-yarder with 47 seconds left, to give the Gray a 12-10 victory.

Garcia's winning kick came six days after he booted the deciding extra point in Northeast Louisiana's victory over Marshall in the NCAA Division I-AA championship game.

## ITALIAN SOCCER

## Roman win

MILAN, (Reuters) — Italian soccer authorities overturned the result of a Milan-Roma match and awarded a 2-0 victory to Roma on Wednesday because of hooliganism, which almost cost the life of Roma goalkeeper Franco Tancredi.

Milan won 1-0 ten days ago, but Roma appealed because of injuries to Tancredi, who needed mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and heart massage after being hit by two fireworks thrown from the Milan terraces just before the start of the second half. Under Italian soccer rules, a club can appeal if it is forced to change its team as a result of hooliganism off the pitch.

The decision means that Roma move to second place in the First Division, four points behind defending champions Napoli.

Milan, also fined \$50,000 dropped from second to fourth below Sampdoria.

The sports pages are edited by Philip Gillon and Yoram Kessel.

## SOCCER REVIEW

## Lod shock Mac. Tel Aviv in the mud

Post Sports Staff

Only seven goals were scored over the week-end in National League matches, a very poor tally indeed, even allowing for the fact that one game, between Hapoel Holon and Betar Tel Aviv, never got off the ground — or, rather, on the ground — as the field was deemed unfit by the referee. Early on Saturday afternoon, the president Mordchai Spiegel warned Kol Yisrael that few goals could be expected under the prevailing conditions.

Strangely, however, eleven were scored in the five matches played in the Second Division.

The surprise of the week-end was the shock 1-0 defeat administered by then bottom-of-the-league — now no longer bottom-of-the-league — Hapoel Lod to Maccabi Tel Aviv, one of the league's glamour sides. Granted that the goal was the result of the appalling conditions, all honour is due to Lod for pouncing on an opportunity provided by the mudbath.

Lod's hero was Bennie Smadja, who collected a ball outside the Maccabi penalty area in the fifth minute, and hammered home a hard, low shot, to which goalkeeper Moshe Marcus got a hand, without being able to stop it.

This early reverse seemed to knock the stuffing out of Maccabi. Coach Dror Bar-Nur admitted afterwards that his team, upset by the state of the field, had shown an inability to cope psychologically with the situation. He said that this psychological flaw had been evident in many games recently, and that

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

Mac. Haifa (112) Mac. Petah Tikva (30) Zedok Malca (30) Arneli (62)

Hap. Holon v Bet. Tel Aviv postponed

Hap. Lod (55) Mac. Tel Aviv (55) Scajda (5)

Bet. Jerusalem (111) Hap. Tel Aviv (61) Hershlikovich (65)

Sliman (30) Hap. Kir Saba (55)

Hap. Beersheba (8) Mac. Netanya (9)

Hap. Petah Tikva (112) Bnei Yehuda (0)

Shoshani (62) Robinson (67)

**STANDINGS**

After 16 rounds

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Mac. Netanya	10	4	2	30	17	34
2. Kir Saba	7	5	4	18	13	26
3. Hap. Tel Aviv	7	5	4	14	12	26
4. Sclimani	5	9	2	14	9	24
5. Bet. Tel Aviv	6	5	4	20	13	23
6. Beersheba	5	7	4	13	11	22
7. Hap. PT	6	4	6	24	22	22
8. Bet. Jerusalem	4	6	6	24	22	22
9. Mac. Tel Aviv	3	8	4	24	19	20
10. Hap. Beersheba	3	8	4	14	12	19
11. Mac. Haifa	3	6	7	18	15	15
12. Hap. Holon	2	8	5	8	12	14
13. Hap. Lod	2	6	8	13	24	14
14. Mac. PT	2	5	9	11	24	11

something would have to be done about it.

League leaders Maccabi Netanya travelled south to Beersheba and were lucky to make the journey home with a precious point for a goalless draw. In front of 7,000 cheering spectators, the Negev team did most of the attacking, especially in the second half, and they were unlucky not to win. In the dying moments of the game, Netanya defenders had to clear desperately from the goal-line.

Maccabi Haifa had a great afternoon at home before 3,000 spectators. They were superior in all departments to their visitors, Maccabi

## SOCCER ROUND UP

**SECOND DIVISION**

Bet. Netanya (0) Hap. Tiberias (0)

Hap. Beersheba (3) Hershlikovich (2)

Hap. Acre (1) Mac. Yavne (2)

Hap. Jaffa (0) Hap. Jerusalem (2)

Mac. Sha'araim (2) Ramat Amir (1)

Hap. Ramat Gan v Hap. Be'er Sheva postponed

Hap. Yehuda v Hap. Bet Yarm postponed

**STANDINGS**

After 16 rounds

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. Hap. Jerusalem	12	2	2	34	17	36
2. Hap. Tiberias	9	7	3	31	31	31
3. Hap. Haifa	9	4	3	17	11	31
4. Mac. Yavne	7	4	5	18	17	25
5. Hap. Be'er	7	2	6	17	23	23
6. Hap. Haifa	6	4	6	24	23	22
7. Hap. Yehuda	5	6	5	23	21	21
8. Mac. Jaffa	4	6	6	21	21	21
9. Sha'araim	5	4	7	21	21	19
10. Bet. Netanya	5	2	9	15	22	17
11. Hap. Be'er Yarm	4	4	8	17	28	16
12. Ramat Amir	3	5	8	17	23	14
13. Hershlikovich	4	2	10	12	19	14
14. Hap. Acre	3	6	7	9	23	9

— Played one game less

Petah Tikva, who have dropped to the bottom of the league because of their 2-0 defeat. Daniel Brailovsky masterminded a great Haifa attack.

It came as no surprise when Zedok Malca scored in the 30th minute from a Brailovsky through pass.

In the 62nd minute, a terrific Zahi Arneli shot from the right-hand corner of the penalty area found the far corner of the net. Arneli, with ten goals so far this season, joins Shalom Tikva to head the National League goal-scorers list.

Watching Maccabi Haifa recovering the glories of yesterday was a man who used to play with them until two seasons ago, Ronnie Ro-

senthal, who is now a striker for Bruges of Belgium. He has undoubtedly left a gap in the Haifa front line.

Hapoel Petah Tikva had a great 2-0 victory at home over Bnei Yehuda, who have been having such a good run at the Hatikva Quarter lately. Yossi Shoshani, who scored two goals last week, picked up a pass from Nir Levin to score in the 42nd minute. (Five minutes earlier, Levin had hit the post from a Shoshani pass.)

Levin generally had a great game, and, in the second half, gave Doron Robinson a chance to score. Robinson made no mistake

to be self-destructing. Shortly before half-time, Colin Foster pumped a high ball upfield, and midfielder Terry Wilson timed his run immaculately to leave the Arsenal defence gaping in disbelief. Again Lukic left the sanctity of his area, but, unfortunately for him, this time his headed clearance careened straight into Wilson, who followed up the rebound and stroked it easily home.

Still the more fluent after the turnaround, Arsenal continued to dominate the game to such an extent that often there were 21 men in the Forest half for long periods. As attractive and vigorous as the devilishly fast English League game is, I think I am beginning to change my mind about the intrinsic value of this phenetic pace. All too often — especially when there is a frisky wind and slightly slippery surface as there was here yesterday — the pace sometimes overshadows quality, which means that there are too many wayward passes, too few honest shots at goal.

This is what befell Arsenal yesterday, as they reminded one of national coach Bobby Robson's famous sayings: "It's all very well stringing together a dozen beautiful passes but it's really no good if you end up with the ball up your own backside."

Forest were dangerous on the break but it seemed as if they weren't really intent on adding to their fortunate lead. Tony Adams should really have done better from close range in finishing off a beautiful eight man move for the Gunners.

Several times they used the trap within spitting distance of the half-way line. Once, when it seemed that they might be caught out, goalkeeper John Lukic sped out of his area to head the ball away.

But the offside trap finally proved

## BRITISH SOCCER

## Offside trap backfires on Gunners

By YORAM KESSEL

HIGHBURY — Undaunted by the news of Liverpool's majestic 3-0 victory over Oxford, which put them ten points ahead of the also-rans of the English First Division, Notts Forest leaptfrogged over Arsenal into 2nd place with a sometimes dull but always highly competent defensive display here yesterday.

Forest's 2-0 victory over the Gunners brought joy to those of us for whom the offside trap has become the scourge of the game.

Although Arsenal have a team of so many talented players, it seems to be almost impossible for them to provide real entertainment when they resort to such negative tactics with cunning regularity. They were altogether the better team, threatening to demolish Brian Clough's youthful team, who were hamstrung even more when the manager's striker son limped off with an injury after just 10 minutes.

Clough has never won at Highbury since taking charge at Forest 13 years ago. Indeed the visitors have beaten Arsenal on their hallowed home turf only once in the past quarter-century, and the hoodoo on Forest seemed more than likely to remain intact, as Arsenal controlled the midfield effectively through Steve Williams and an energetic David Rocastle.

Arsenal were, however, unable to exploit their massive advantage with effective striking power. Their pressure was enormous, yet Steve Sutton in the Forest goal was only once

**DIVISION ONE — Arsenal 0, Nottingham Forest 2; Charlton 2, Portsmouth 1; Chelsea 1, Queens Park Rangers 1; Derby 1, Norwich 2; Everton 2, Luton 0; Newcastle 1, Manchester United 0; Oxford 0, Liverpool 3; Southampton 2, Tottenham Hotspur 1; Watford 1, Sheffield Wednesday 3; West Ham 1, Wimbledon 2.**

**P W D L F A Pts**

Liverpool	20	15	5	3	40	11	30
Notts Forest	19	12	5	3	34	17	40
Arsenal	21	12	4	5	34	17	40
Everton	21	10	7	4	31	15	37</



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## When the sap runs out

THE resolutions adopted by the National Religious Party's convention late Thursday night were correctly hailed as a victory for the party's right wing, led by Yitzhak Shapiro. Only Shapiro's rival, Ze'evulun Hammer, one of the original architects of the NRP's rightward lurch after 1967, insisted otherwise despite the party's failure to endorse the Camp David agreements as a basis for future negotiations.

The convention's refusal to endorse "transfer" of the population in the territories, and unilateral annexation of the land itself, as official party policy reflected its continuing moderate stance, Hammer argued.

The truth is, as some of the politically enfeebled old-timers at the convention confirmed, that the National Religious Party is far beyond the point of no-return to its ideological origins. Despite Hammer's fair-haired euphemisms, the Mizrahi tradition is not only dead and buried, but also discredited in the party. The only party that still sees virtue in that tradition is Labour, for its own desperation leads it to sentimentalize that past partnership.

Historically, the NRP was always sorely beset by factionalism. But those divisions did not necessarily rest on ideological difference. The dual commitment to Zionism and Halacha rallied the disparate parts, especially at a time of national rebirth, against the anti-Zionist religious right and the anti-religious Zionist left.

But there was an inherent dilemma. The orthodox right claimed exclusive religious legitimacy and the secular left exclusive Zionist legitimacy. To retain its identity and following, the Mizrahi movement had to fend off both challenges. It succeeded until 1967. Through its partnership with Labour, it gained recognition by the Zionist centre and exclusive stewardship of the state's established religious institutions.

The formula crumbled after the Six-Day War. A younger generation looked to conquest through settlement of the entire Land of Israel as its opportunity to purchase the Zionist birthright and to ultra orthodoxy as the means of purchasing Halachic authenticity. These trends eventually sundered the links with Labour, splintered the party and eroded the ideological basis for its separate identity.

Its Greater Israel nationalism it must share with Herut, whose claim is older, and Tehiya, itself a part NRP secession. And its Halachic conservatism it must share with Aguda, untainted by the embrace of Zionism, and Shas, also a part NRP secession.

Only the deformities of the Israeli party system, which grant coalition parties vast areas of well-nigh permanent patronage, keep the NRP alive, not as a movement, but as a political network presiding over vast tangible assets. Detached from its past and its distinctive identity, the NRP has become a neurotic appendage of Israel's political and religious right wings, with a body but no soul of its own.

## The favourite culprit

PRODDED by the press-baiting instincts of Mr. Shamir and some of his cabinet colleagues, an assortment of ministerial spokesmen, gathered together by the premier's own image specialist, has decided to lay the blame for Israel's unpopularity around the world this past fortnight upon the reporting of events rather than upon the events themselves. The foreign press corps in Israel, especially the TV newsmen, are the forum's prime target.

Comparison is made to 1982 and the war in Lebanon. That comparison no doubt derives from anxious reports from Israeli diplomats abroad noting that the damage done to Israel's image by the camera footage showing the troops manhandling Arab rioters matches that previous low.

It is a comparison the forum of spokesmen should be the first to avoid. For one of the principal causes of the mauling rendered Israel's image even in the very first stages of that war was the ineptitude of Israel's spokesmen, especially the military spokesmen. Once the pattern was set, there was no repair. After that, the events themselves eluded all image-making virtuosity, had it existed.

Today, as well, it is possible to identify an original failure of "spokesmanship" with regard to the Arab demonstrations, but of a different kind. It has to do not with image-making, but the much more important and immediate matter of direct communication with the population in the territories.

By all accounts, the catalyst of what the Arabs now call their uprising was Gaza. And the catalyst for the riots in Gaza was rumour, especially the rumour that four Gazans were killed by an Israeli truck which deliberately struck them.

Now if anything should be the subject of urgent attention by spokesmen it is events like these. But no such attention was displayed. No concerted effort, sensitive to Gaza's susceptibility to vicious rumour, was mounted to impose the truth upon untruth. No military spokesman and no prime ministerial spokesman, let alone ministers themselves, rushed in to douse the fire by communicating clearly and forcefully to an already aroused population.

Such spokesmanship, which deals not with images abroad but furies at the doorstep, apparently has no address.

In any case, more points are always scored with ministers, who themselves manipulate the media to play to the crowd, by maligning the press for doing its job than by examining the failures of spokesmanship.

# Coalition's head-in-the-sand policy

Gabi Sheffer

SOME 50 years ago, the Palestinian Arabs launched a nationalist uprising that became known as the Arab Riots or Rebellion. The general consensus today holds that they had many causes rather than a single one.

Some of the deeper reasons were related to political developments within the Palestinian Arab community. Some concerned growing national feelings throughout the Arab world. The accelerated growth of the Jewish national home also gave the Arab revolt impetus. But a lot depended on the behaviour of the British colonialists, who had prevented the Arabs from achieving their national goals.

An analogy to recent developments among Palestinians in Israel and the territories is inescapable. The semantic definition of recent events is unimportant: Whether the violent incidents should be called "sporadic outbursts," "civil disobedience," "organized demonstrations and protests," or "rebellion" is irrelevant. The recent events have been the clearest symptom of an overwhelming sense of national frustration.

THERE IS NO doubt that the clashes with Israeli police and military were partly spontaneous and partly organized. The initiative came from within the community and from abroad. This is neither surprising nor indicative of the authenticity and seriousness of the acts of despair. In this context, both younger and older Israelis should remember that the rebellious Jewish national movement in Palestine was organized and that nothing was left to chance. In the final analysis, this is the nature of all national movements.

One should make a clear distinction between pretexts for unrest and its deeper causes. The pretexts for the recent violent events were the semi-trailer accident in the Gaza Strip in which four Gazans were killed, Sharon's new apartment in East Jerusalem, the anniversary of the UN partition vote on November 29, etc. These were only the triggers for wider, popular participation - mere signposts on the Palestinian's road toward national self-determination.

Rainstorms, economic considerations, demonstrators' fatigue, or more efficient Israeli policing may

result only in temporary calm. These are not solutions. Until now, the Palestinians and Israeli Arabs have maintained a relatively low profile; they lack effective leadership, and on many occasions their acts have been initiated by organizations outside of the territories. Despite all that, there is no doubt that the Palestinians are fed up with Israeli occupation. And as the political experience of the 20th century, including that of the Jews, has shown, nothing can suppress the striving for self-determination, not even an "iron fist" policy.

THE PROCESS of radicalization and the growing fundamentalism among both Sunnis and Shi'ites in the region only add to the gravity of the problem. The recent summit in Amman and the rapprochement between King Hussein and Arafat most likely spurred the rioters on. But whatever the other factors influencing the Palestinians' behaviour, no one should overlook Isra-

el's substantial contribution to the Palestinians' frustration.

The "iron fist" policy of the last three years has caused great bitterness. No amount of recommendations by past and present Israeli "experts" on terrorism can extinguish the nationalist fire raging in the territories. Even the greater autonomy proposed by moderates would only buttress Israel's continued occupation, the Palestinians understand quite well.

The Palestinians' rabid hostility toward Israel is fuelled by the continued presence of settlements and the lack of any proposal for peace-talks that would include them in a way they consider meaningful: they reject proposals by the prime minister and the foreign minister for an international conference, autonomy in Gaza first, and direct talks with Arab governments.

AS LONG AS Israel is deadlocked by its coalition, there is no chance for any change in regard to the Palestinians.

More than any other single factor, the Shamir-Rabin axis is the basis for the national unity government.

Shamir needs Rabin to ensure the status quo in the territories and to keep Sharon away from the Ministry of Defence. Rabin needs Shamir to maintain the national unity government and hence his hold on the defence portfolio. He also needs the coalition to neutralize his own opponents in Labour - particularly his rival, Shimon Peres.

This coalition is responsible for the "ostrich" policy regarding the territories and the stalemate in the peace process.

Only Peres could have broken up this coalition and ended the stalemate. For his own reasons, which remain unclear, he has not been willing to do so. Nor will he, apparently, after the next elections. Unless there is a major shift of power in these elections, we can only expect more heads in the sand. In that case, the Arab rebellion is likely to grow. Whether the Palestinians or the Israelis will break first is anybody's guess.

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## READERS' LETTERS

### HANUKKA PRESENTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - In her article of December 11, Martha Meisels writes: "One of the joys of living in Israel is that there is no need to inflate Hanukka out of proportion in order to compete with Christmas." She then goes into a full page of inflating Hanukka by citing with delight all kinds of extravagant presents available for Israeli children. In fact, "...it's not such a trauma to spend NIS 100 on a more conventional toy."

Does it really matter whether we inflate Hanukka in order to compete with Christmas, or because the standard of Hanukka presents has been pushed to a level completely out of proportion to the salaries earned by the average person?

It is time to return to the simpler Hanukka of yesteryear. We gave wonderful presents to our children and grandchildren; we laughed a lot as we played together with all kinds of toys, board games and books. We

ate potato pancakes and jelly doughnuts well into the evening. We had a thoroughly enjoyable holiday without considering the expenditure of NIS 82 for a Dreamland castle, NIS 125 for a Toyota truck, up to NIS 230 for Austrian-made wooden toys, or NIS 255 for a Fisher-Price kitchen unit.

LUCILLE KRIEGER

Kfar Sava.

Martha Meisels comments: I was merely reporting on current market trends and the remark about "it's not such a trauma..." was a direct quote from an importer, not my own opinion.

As for competition with Christmas, Hanukka gift-giving - whatever the value people feel they can afford - is still pretty well restricted to gifts for children, and not a general exchange of gifts among adults as well, as is customary in Christian countries at Christmas time.

### AMERICAN OLIM IN WEST BANK

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - I would like to correct a few points made by Absorption Minister Ya'acov Tsur, according to your report of December 11.

One of the figures he gave was that "in the past four years, only 406 American immigrants..." had settled in the West Bank. Neve Aliza, a neighbourhood in Givat Shimon, has 91 families totalling over 500 people. If you subtract the 20 per cent of olim from other countries, and Americans who made aliya more than four years ago, you are still left with 400 people who are American and who have made aliya to the West Bank in the past four years.

I find it extremely hard to believe that all American olim who live in the West Bank are in Neve Aliza. I also wonder whether Ya'acov Tsur's figures include places like Gillo,

Ramot and Ramot Eshkol, all considered the West Bank and all with very high densities of recent American olim.

Ya'acov Tsur's statistical mistake is easy to understand. Most American olim do not step off the plane and take a taxi to a house or apartment in the West Bank. They usually stay in an absorption centre or a rented apartment while they plan their purchase. This usually takes two to three years and during this time, these olim register with the ministry of interior as living in some non-West Bank town or city.

Ya'acov Tsur should check the current registered address of all recent olim and not the address they first used when they entered the country.

HENRY NUSSBACHER

Givat Shimon.

### HANUKKA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - For thousands of years, our people celebrated the holiday of Hanukka as a victory of the Maccabees over the Greeks who wanted to uproot the Sabbath observance. For almost 2,000 years, the Jewish people spread throughout the Diaspora recited the prayer on Hanukka proclaiming victory of the Jews over the Greeks.

Now, 2,000 years later, in the land of Israel and in the holy city of Jerusalem, Jewish people themselves are fighting to uproot the observance of the Sabbath. The question arises: are we Jews or Greeks? With whom do we associate ourselves - with the Maccabees or the Greeks?

ZEVI SIROTA

Bnei Brak.

### RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - Arthur Cohen's letter of December 18 breathes some fresh air into the whole moral issue of granting real recognition to religious freedom for Reform Judaism in Israel. As Cohen correctly implies, the issue is whether the allies of Reform at the recent WCC will also come through for us in the Knesset.

My own son is about to wed his beloved and will not be able to do so in Israel unless and until Reform rabbis are allowed to practice here. The chief rabbinate will not approve any Reform rabbi to perform interfaith marriages, something which is common practice in the city where we come from in the U.S.

May I point out that the Reform Movement has done wonders to bring interfaith marriages under a Jewish canopy, something that they are currently being prevented from doing by Israel's antiquated system that allows only Orthodox standards to survive.

I want my son to marry in Israel and not travel abroad for his great day. That can only happen if and when the Reform Movement is allowed to practice in Israel. And that depends on the Labour Party and the Civil Rights Party coming through with their commitments.

ARTHUR WACHS

Jerusalem.

### POETRY IN ENGLISH

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - May I make my annual appeal to those writers of poetry in English to make their submissions to me for the 1988 issue of *Voices Israel*, our poetry anthology, not later than February 29, 1988, complying with the following rules:

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### THE LIBERAL LEFT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - It is not easy for member of the much harangued "liberal left" to admit it, but Yisrael Medad, editor of *Counterpoint* and adviser to the Tehiya Knesset faction, makes a point ("Let's not kid ourselves," December 21).

A major fault of Israel's peace camp, he observes, is the stubborn refusal to view the conflict between Arabs and Jews over the occupied territories (my phrase) from the other side's ideological perspective. An example he selects is the recent discussion by spokesmen of the Greater Land of Israel orientation of the transfer of Arab citizens of the territories to other Arab countries. "The same voices that decry Dekel, Gandhi, et al.," writes Medad, "are the same that champion a dialogue with the PLO, an organization dedicated to the forced removal of 80 per cent of Israel's Jewish population. In vain," he continues, "will any observer look for an equal level of verbal abuse directed against the racism of the PLO by the liberal left."

The closing point is exaggerated but not vacant, and I for one would like to preclude its repetition. Let it be said therefore, on my own behalf and, I like to think, in the name of a significant segment of the "liberal

left," that indeed the PLO is every bit as awful, every bit as racist, bigoted and indifferent to the rights of others as the Greater Land of Israel movement.

That said, let the next parallel also be drawn. Since the PLO has expressed its willingness to negotiate with Israel, whose government includes and is itself not far removed from the position of the Greater Land of Israel movement, let us be no less courageous in affirming our readiness to negotiate with it.

Mr. Medad has an answer to this call. This idea, he remarks, "that one makes peace with one's enemies, not with one's friends, is woefully inadequate. The true political reply," he maintains, "must take into account that one makes war with one's enemies, too." Once again Mr. Medad would seem to be correct. Those are the choices. As I understand him, Mr. Medad prefers to make war with his enemies. As one who has publicly confessed to finding the PLO as abhorrent as the Greater Land of Israel movement, I no longer feel embarrassed to declare that I, and many of my colleagues over here on the bleeding heart left, prefer the other option.

WILLIAM FREEDMAN

Haifa.

### REDUCE EXPENSES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - I wholeheartedly support Hanna Zidon's suggestion to reduce the Knesset membership (Letters, December 17).

I would suggest that we also eliminate all deputy ministers and their

accompanying perks and prerogatives, as they constitute an unnecessary burden on the state budget, which means the taxpayer.

R. NEUMANN

Haifa.

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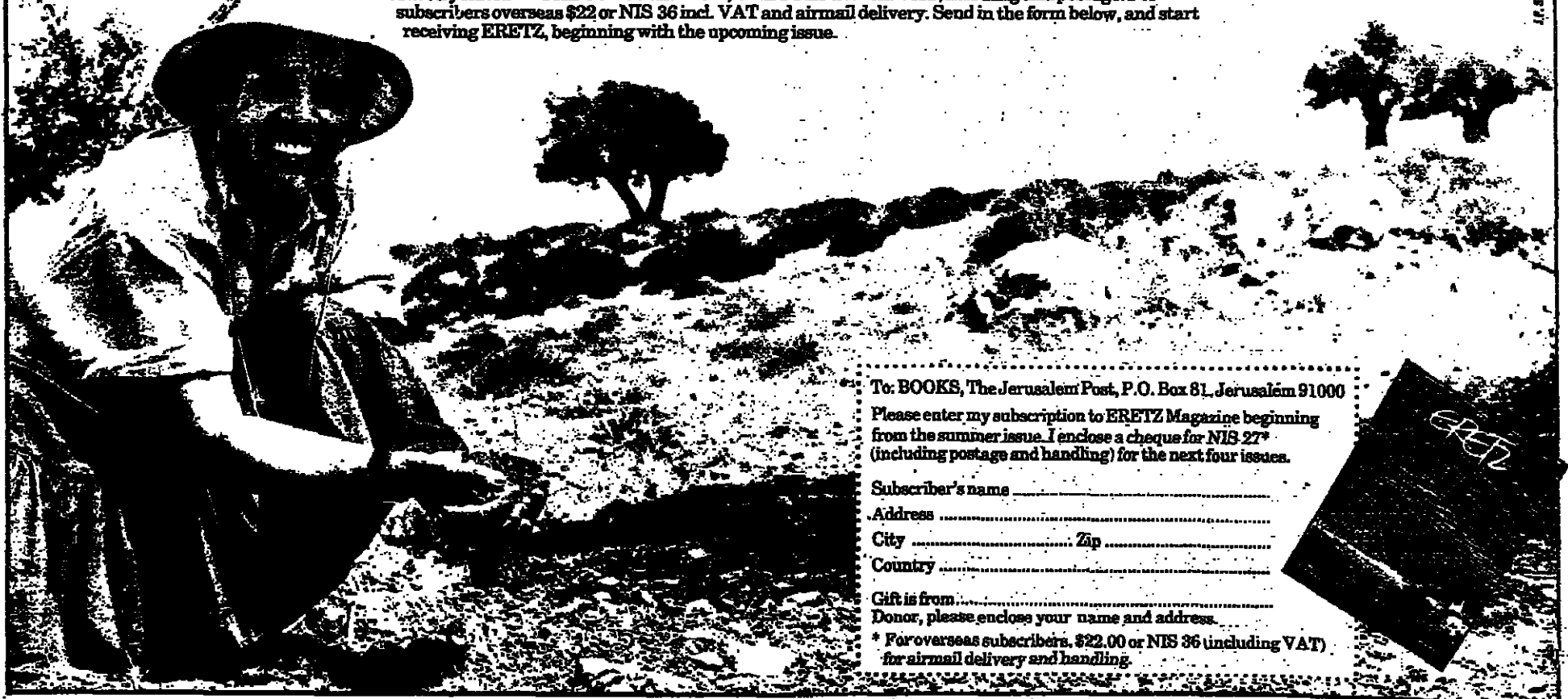
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